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FIGHTING AT CANDIA

Greeks Repulse the Turks at Mati.

PRINCE CONSTANTINE PRESENT

The Powers Already Considering a Settlement After Greece is Defeated.

LONDON, April 22.—A dispatch to the *Times* from Canea says that fighting is going on almost daily in the vicinity of Candia, where there are 5000 insurgents, including 500 calvary, together with a considerable body of Greek troops and four heavy guns.

The governor expresses fear lest the insurgents may attack the town en masse. The Turks there have no field guns.

The *Standard's* Athens correspondent says that the Greeks at Mati repulsed a charge of 3000 Turkish cavalry with great loss to the Turks. Crown Prince Constantine was present.

The Athens correspondent of the *Daily Chronicle* will say tomorrow: I learn on good authority that the powers are already assuming that Turkey will be victorious and are discussing ways and means of settling matters after the war is ended.

A special from Athens says that offers of help are reaching the Greek government from all quarters and that the military authorities expect to have 40,000 volunteers enrolled under the Greek flag before the beginning of next week.

The Epirotes at Athens are preparing to leave that city in order to assist the Greeks in capturing Epirus as far as the Berlin treaty line.

The league of Greece has advanced the passage money for 1000 Garibaldians, who are expected at the Piraeus immediately.

The Pan-Hellenic steamer Albanian is on her way to Remni to embark 3000 Italians, who, the Greek minister at Rome telegraphs, are ready to fight for Greece.

ATHENS, April 22.—Prince Constantine, the Greek commander-in-chief, has sent a dispatch from Larissa, announcing he was present at the military operations against the Turks since early this morning. Prayers were offered in the churches of every town of Greece today for the success of the Greek army.

ATHENS, April 23.—1 a.m.—The ministers held a prolonged conference at the war office yesterday and then went to the royal palace for a council at which King George presided. It is said that very short decisions were taken.

The eastern squadron has bombarded Katerina and destroyed the custom house and other public buildings.

The western squadron has bombarded Murto, north of Prevesa, and captured a Turkish vessel.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 22.—The authorities deny that the Greeks have captured the passes of Metylene off the coast of Asia Minor.

The French Ambassador, M. Cambon, has notified the porte that the French government intends to take under its protection the Greek Catholics in the Turkish empire. As yet it has not been decided which power will protect the Orthodox Greeks.

The exodus of Greeks from all parts of the empire and particularly Constantinople continues.

PARIS, April 22.—There was a great stir outside the office of the Greek legation this afternoon. The crowd clamored to be sent as volunteers to Greece. The embassy replies to all such requests that it has received no instructions from the Greek government on this subject and is therefore not empowered to send volunteers to the scene of hostilities.

LARISSA, April 22.—Chief Lavellis and the survivors of his band of irregulars have returned here from the raid into Macedonia.

BATTLES DESCRIBED

Notes From Turkish Headquarters, Milouna Pass.

HEADQUARTERS OF THE TURKISH ARMY, MILOUNA PASS, Wednesday, April 21.—11 a.m.—The correspondent of the Associated Press as this dispatch is sent is at a high point of the Milouna pass with the Turkish general's staff, watching the advance of the Turkish troops, who are being repeatedly rushed through the pass to the plains in front of Tyrnavo.

Throughout yesterday afternoon an artillery duel between the Turks and Greeks proceeded at a distance of two miles. Meanwhile Greek reinforcements had been pouring over the bridge beyond the town to this side of the river Xarias.

The Turks at that time had carried several Greek positions on the heights about Tyrnavo, but the town and a small hill on this side were still in the hands of the Greeks. Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander in chief, continues to show great military talent and his plans work like machines.

Yesterday's advance of the Turkish troops across the plain was a splendid spectacle. At our feet was the road into Greece, which winds away from the mountains and from the mountains long lines of troops were descending like great serpents. The Turkish soldiers were all singing patriotic songs and shouting war cries.

During the night the Greeks strongly fortified the positions they occupied on the top of the Ketria hills. The battle began at dawn. There was very heavy fighting from the first. The Greeks endeavored to take by storm a Turkish position on the hill opposite the entrance of the ravine, but were repulsed on each occasion with tremendous loss.

During yesterday's fighting a Turkish brigadier general was killed.

The combat today was over the same grounds as yesterday's fighting.

The Turkish cavalry cut the Greek telegraph line during the fighting yesterday on the mountain.

The commander of the Albanian regiment had his horse's head carried off by a cannon ball, but himself escaped unharmed.

The fatigue endured by the troops during the last few days has been terrible. The whole staff worked twenty hours at a stretch.

The enthusiasm of the Turks is tremendous and the aides in the camp who gallop with instructions to the troops remained with the troops and took part in the combat.

Mother McKinley's Birthday.

CANTON, O., April 22.—Nancy Allison McKinley, mother of the nation's president, celebrated her eighty-eighth birthday at her home in this city today. She is in excellent health, barring slight attacks of rheumatism. All day letters and telegrams of congratulation were received by her from friends and in many instances from strangers.

NO QUORUM.

Fifty-Fifth Ballot for Senator in Kentucky.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 22.—The joint session and senatorial ballot today attracted a little more attention because the Republicans were without a nominee and all wanted to see how they would vote.

Congressman Walter Evans, the newly arrived candidate, was on the floor of the house. The Republicans evidently knew that they were being watched and refused to answer to their names. The five anti-Hunter Republicans helped the others to break the quorum.

Only Baird and Norman, who have been voting with the Republicans, answered present. It was the fifty-fifth ballot. Baird voted for Martin. So did Norman. Stout did not vote. The Republicans seem to have lost their three gold Democrats. The Republicans eat still, however. The vote stood: Blackburn 45, Martin 15, Stone 1. No quorum.

THOSE CRAVEN DEEDS.

Attorney Pierson Says He Will Prove They are Forgeries.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—In the Fair estate case today Attorney Pierson for the executors of the estate made the opening address and stated that it would be proved that Mrs. Craven's claims to a portion of the estate were illegal. He described Mrs. Craven as a skillful, adroit, cool and designing woman.

Mr. Pierson said that proof would be presented to show that Senator Fair was not in San Francisco on the day he was alleged to have given Mrs. Craven the deeds to a million dollars' worth of property and could not have acknowledged the deeds before Notary Public Cooney on that date. It would also be shown that the acknowledgement in the blanks used by Cooney and dated in 1894 were not in existence until 1895 and experts would testify that the deeds and the pencil will and the letter dated December 16, 1894, were forgeries.

Coroner's Inquest at San Quentin.

SAN RAFAEL, April 22,—Coroner Eden held an inquest today at San Quentin prison upon the remains of W. R. Kelly, a convict who was cut in the neck by a fellow convict named Wheeler yesterday. Many witnesses were sworn who testified as to the assault of Kelly upon Wheeler with a dirk knife. In order to save himself Wheeler cut Kelly in the neck with a razor, inflicting a wound from which Kelly soon died. The jury returned a verdict that Kelly died from a knife wound inflicted by Wheeler in self defense. Wheeler's condition is still serious, although there is hope of his recovery.

GOING HOME TO FIGHT

VOLUNTEERS FOR KING GEORGE'S ARMY

Departing by Hundreds From Various Sections of the United States.

BOSTON, Mass., April 22.—Three hundred Greeks will leave Boston tonight for New York to sail for Athens. On Monday evening another delegation of Greeks, numbering more than 150 all told, from Lowell, Lawrence, Haverhill and other Middlesex cities, will arrive in Boston and will leave Thursday night, also en route for Athens.

Tonight's volunteers come exclusively from Boston and the vicinity and they have been gathered together under the direction of Consul Timayenis and Alexander Stavaridis.

Mr. Pelrus Averedes said that soon there would be none of his countrymen left in the United States.

Chicago alone is furnishing a battalion of more than 500 men and most of these have money for their equipments and arms.

St. Louis, New Orleans, Buffalo, Kansas City, Philadelphia and Baltimore are all vieing with one another to send the greatest number in the quickest possible time to the aid of the fatherland.

From New York there will be a battalion of more than 1000 men, who will also be prepared to take the field on arrival. The voyage from New York to the Piraeus, the port of Athens, is expected to take not more than fifteen days.

CHICAGO, April 22.—Two hundred Greek volunteers for King George's army will leave Chicago for Athens this evening and as many more will follow on Monday. All day recruiting went on in the Greek church on Kinsie street. Greenbacks and gold and silver were piled high in front of the altar.

The aggregate of the collections amount to about $6000.

Archbishop Feeban gave $200. The excitement was at fever heat all day in the crowded church. There were many affecting scenes and episodes. Emotional women struggled with pushing and crowding members of the stronger sex in a patriotic rivalry to have their contributions received.

The work will be kept up until enough money is raised to defray the transportation charges of every Chicago Greek who wants to battle for his native land.

"If this recruiting keeps on much longer at the present rate," said Father Phiambolus, "I may as well pack up my traps and go to the front with the rest, for my congregation and my occupation will both be gone."

The Minneapolis contingent of Greeks passed through the city last evening, as did also the recruits from Texas and the southwest.

The Chicago troops leaving this evening will sail from New York by a French liner on Saturday morning.

San Francisco Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 22.—Weather fine at Ingleside; track fast.

Five furlongs—The Cheat won, Outlay 2, Sadie Schwartz 3. Time, 1.03¼.

Six furlongs—Pat Murphy won, Mobalaska 2, Palmerston 3. Time, 1.15¼.

Mile and a sixteenth—Vinctor won, Una Colorado 2, Marcel 3. Time, 1.51½.

One mile—Charlemagne won, Two Cheers 2, Velox 3. Time, 1.43.

One mile—Addie Buchanan won, Joe Terry 2, Daylight 3. Time, 1.42⅝.

Seven furlongs—Lon R. won, Adam Andrew 2, Claudiana 3. Time, 1.29¾.

Death Sentence Commuted.

HARRISBURG, Pa., April 20.—The board of pardons tonight recommended commutation of the death sentence imposed upon James B. Gentry for the murder of actress Madge Yorke to imprisonment for life. Governor Hastings approved the recommendation. Gentry was to have been hanged next Thursday.

DEMOCRATS DIVIDED

Bailey and Followers Vote With Republicans

ON ADOPTION OF SPECIAL RULES

Resolution Expressing Sympathy With Greece Introduced in the House.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The house today adopted a special order for the consideration of the senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill without reference to a committee. The Democratic dissensions again came to the surface. Mr. Bailey and his followers joined with the Republicans on this proposition, after the special order had been modified so as not to cover the appropriation bills.

Mr. Bland of Missouri vigorously protested against the course, but only had a following of twenty-four, not enough to get a second vote.

Mr. Simpson of Kansas is out of the city and therefore was not in evidence.

The senate amendments of minor importance were concurred in, excepting that removing the Indian supply depot from Chicago to Omaha. The amendment in relation to the opening of the Uncompahgre reservation was not acted upon today. While it was being debated the death of Judge Holman was announced, and as a mark of respect the house adjourned.

Just after the house convened, Mr. Dalzell of Pennsylvania presented a special order for the consideration of the senate amendments to the Indian appropriation bill. The rules provided that until the final disposition of the four appropriation bills it should be in order to consider senate amendments in committee of the whole, without reference or consideration by any committee.

Mr. Bailey, nominal Democrat leader, said he would agree to Mr. Dalzell's motion, providing that it applied only to the Indian bill, thus saving hasty action on the sundry civil bill.

Mr. Dalzell accepted the suggestion, but the Democrats who opposed Mr. Bailey's leadership rose in revolt, headed by Mr. Bland.

Mr. Bailey declared that what he objected to in the special order was its omnibus character. So far as the Indian appropriation bill was concerned, he thought consideration in committee of the whole was sufficient, but no one could foresee what radical propositions might come back in the sundry civil and general deficiency bills.

Mr. Dalzell made the modification, but Mr. Bland, Democrat of Missouri, in an impetuous way, voiced the protests of those opposed to Mr. Bailey's leadership. The house had plenty of time, he said, and there was no reason why the bill should not go through the regular channels.

Up to this time he had sympathized with the course of the gentleman from Texas, Mr. Bailey, but he could not support him when he failed to demand that legislation should proceed regularly.

The previous question was ordered, Mr. Bailey and his followers voting with the Republicans. Only twenty-four members voted against the previous question and only twenty-one against the adoption of the rule. The majority vote was 134.

The Indian bill was then taken up. The senate amendment for the establishment of a warehouse for Indian supplies at Omaha provoked a debate.

Mr. Sherman asserted that it would cost $25,000 to $30,000 to establish such a warehouse. He quoted from the statements of Chicago members that the warehouse should be nearest the base of shipping.

Mr. Dolliver, Republican of Iowa, interposed a suggestion that there should be a compromise by establishing the warehouse at Sioux City, asserting that the reservations of the Omaha and Winnebago Indians were nearer Sioux City than Omaha.

Mr. Foss, Republican of Illinois, made an argument in favor of retaining the warehouse at Chicago, stating that ninety per cent of the Indian supplies were purchased at Chicago.

Mr. Shafroth, silver Republican of Colorado, suggested Denver, and Mr. Barthold, Republican of Missouri, presented the claims of St. Louis.

The amendments were all voted down and by a vote of 66 to 27 the house refused to concur in the senate amendment.

The amendments making an appropriation o $3000 for the digger Indians of California and relating to the Cherokee citizenship rolls were agreed to.

Mr. Dingley made a point of order, which was sustained, against the amendment for two additional judges for the Indian territory. The amendment was non-concurred in.

SENATE.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—The first reference in congress to the Turko-Grecian war came soon after the senate opened today, when Mr. Allen of Nebraska introduced the following resolution:

Resolved, That the established policy of the United States of avoiding entangling alliance with European powers is in no respect violated by our sympathizing with Christian people of Greece in their present heroic struggle against the advance of the Ottoman empire, and that, in the judgment of the senate, it would be a recognition of the wishes of all for the executive to express to the government of Greece the sympathy of the American people.

Mr. Allen supported the resolution by citing precedent in which the United States had expressed sympathy for those struggling against oppression.

He also read from manuscript a detailed statement of the affairs at Crete from early times.

After Mr. Allen's motion had been referred, Mr. Morgan severely criticised the disorganized state of the senate committees and incidentally scored Speaker Reed of the house as an obstruction to national legislation.

Mr. Allen then returned to the charge with a resolution providing that no business, legislative or executive, should be considered with the exception of appropriation bills till the committee vacancies were filled.

This created considerable stir on both sides and there was an immediate flood of small bills presented, on the chance that they might otherwise be barred out.

Mr. Chandler objected to the consideration of the resolution, and after a hot colloquy it went over.

Soon after the senate went into executive session.

Thomas J. Duffy came down from San Rafael yesterday.

KING HUMBERT ASSAULTED.

His Assailant Attempts to Stab Him With a Dagger.

ROME, April 22.—At 2.30 o'clock this afternoon, while King Humbert was on his way to the races, a man named Pietro Accerato, an iron worker out of employment, attempted to stab his majesty with a dagger.

The King was accompanied by his aid-de-camp, Pondes Vaglia. His assailant, who was waiting outside St. John's gate, rushed up to the carriage in which his majesty was seated and attempted to stab him. The King avoided the dagger by raising from his seat.

Accerato, seeing he had failed in his attempt to assassinate the King, threw away his dagger. He was immediately arrested by two carbiners, while his majesty calmly ordered his coachman to drive on.

The news spread with great rapidity and when the King reached the royal stand at the race course it was surrounded by a cheering multitude.

The members of the diplomatic corps and a number of other distinguished people sent their congratulations to the King on his escape.

King Humbert treated the matter lightly and remarked: "It is only one of the little incidents of my trade."

The King remained at the race course with his nephew, the Duke of Aosta, until the royal derby was run.

Accerato is 24 years of age and a native of Artegna, a village of the province of Uneline, three miles south of Gemona.

TERRIFIC WIND STORM.

Newton, Kansas, Suffers Considerable Damage.

NEWTON, Kas., April 22.—A terrific wind storm accompanied by heavy hail and rain swept over Harvey county at 10 o'clock tonight, coming from the southwest. Two farm houses were demolished a few miles west of Newton.

Mr. and Mrs. Weins, the occupants of one of the houses, were seriously hurt and have just been brought to Newton. The surgeons state that Mrs. Weins will die. Practically every pane of glass in the south side of the buildings in Newton was shattered by the hail, and a railway train just arrived here was without a pane of glass in the windows on the south side of the cars. The duration of the storm was less that fifteen minutes.

Arranging for the Encampment.

SANTA CRUZ, April 22.—General Muller of Fresno and other officers of the Third brigade, N. G. G., will be here Saturday evening to make arrangements for the brigade encampment during the summer. The brigade is composed of nineteen companies in Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys. It is expected 1000 men will be in camp.

ATHLETIC SPORTS

YESTERDAY'S FEATURE OF THE LOS ANGELES CARNIVAL.

Magnificent Procession of Floats in the Evening—Battle of Flowers Today.

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—Athletic games and contests of all kinds were presented at Athletic Park today by the fiesta committee as an especial attraction for the thousands who came to the city to witness the illuminated pageant tonight. The contests consisted of almost every conceivable kind of athletic sport, many of them being close and exciting, and the presence of the Queen of La Fiesta gave an added attraction.

Tonight one of the grandest spectacles of the entire fiesta was afforded by the procession of magnificent floats. Each float was a beautiful representation, symbolic of a flower, and reproducing in color and form some incident in legend, history or literature.

The range of subjects was wide and the artistic execution of the conception in every case most delicate and effective. The floats were gorgeously decorated with realistic scenery, in the midst of which living figures acted their parts as motionless figures completing the tableaux. Many of the scenes were illuminated with tinted lights and rows of torch bearers accompanied each float, casting on the scene a brilliant glow of color.

Tomorrow the most beautiful feature of the carnival, the floral parade and the battle of flowers, will occur. Equipages of every kind will be in line bedecked with a profusion of blossoms that thrive in the "southern metropolis."

A Death Blow in the Ring.

SAN JOSE, April 22.—A coroner's jury decided today that Frank Evans, the prize fighter injured in last night's contest, came to his death as the result of a blow administered by Matthew Semichy, who struck the fatal blow, is the father of a child a week old. He and Evans were warm friends and Evans consented to box him to help him raise some money to take care of the child and its mother.

LETTER RECEIVED FROM THE POOR MAN'S FRIEND BASE-BALL CLUB BY W. PARKER LYON AFTER THEIR GAME WITH THE K. G. CO.

W. Parker Lyon, Esq., Fresno, Cal.—Dear King:

As you are undoubtedly the most popular man in Fresno, and a very square sport, we wish to engage you as our attorney to make an investigation of our game last Sunday. The reports have it that the K. G. Co. won the game by 1 point, and if we remember correctly the score as reported by the scorer was something like 346 to 238. Now what we want you to do is to enter a protest and order a recount of that score, feeling satisfied if a recount of that score is made we were the winners and not the K. G. Co. We know that it will require two or three days for you to make the proper investigation and recount, but we are perfectly willing to pay you for your trouble. We have information to prove conclusively that the official scorer of that game was temporarily insane and hence not a fit person to keep tally of such an event. To our own personal knowledge we made 109 runs. What the K. G. Co. made we are unable to say, but on the face of our record, compared with the score reported, we must, under the circumstances, order an investigation, and your services we desire to probe this business down to the bottom. Yours truly,

WALTER PENN, Manager.
S. S. CUTHBERT, Sec'y and Treas.
Dictated by C.A.C.

NATIONAL LAW MAKERS

Senators Discuss the Need of New Rules.

DEMOCRATIC TARIFF PROGRAM

Petitions From California for and Against Abrogation of the Hawaiian Treaty.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Senator Mason of Illinois made his maiden speech in the senate today and signalized it by some breezy criticisms on the rules of the senate. It was such a variation from the prosy debate of recent days that the Senator was accorded close attention and twice received the hearty applause of the crowded galleries.

The speech was in support of a resolution introduced by the Illinois senator directing the committee on rules to report a rule by which debate could be closed and the previous question be ordered. In this connection, Mr. Mason sarcastically referred to the inaction of the senate on all great questions before it, the long and fruitless debate on Cuba and the delay of the arbitration treaty.

Mr. Hoar of Massachusetts replied briefly, pointing out that the other branch of congress was more open to criticism than the senate. He was in accord with Mr. Mason, however, on the need of new rules.

A vote was taken on Mr. Gorman's motion to refer the Mason resolution to the rules committee, which prevailed, yeas 32, nays 24.

A further discussion of the subject is promised, as Mr. Hoar has pending a resolution to discharge the committee on rules from further considering the reform of the rules.

Most of the day was given to the bankruptcy bill. The vote on the substitute and amendments will be taken at 3 p.m. tomorrow. It was agreed that a committee of fifteen senators should represent the senate at the coming Grant memorial ceremonies.

HOUSE.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The chaplain of the house, Mr. Couden, in his prayer today gave thanks that this nation was at peace with all others and prayed that higher and holier methods than war might prevail everywhere. He prayed for the friends of Representative Milliken of Maine, who died Sunday, and whose seat was draped in black and covered with flowers.

The death of Mr. Milliken was announced by Mr. Dingley, and out of respect the house at 12.10 p.m. adjourned until tomorrow.

DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM

With Reference to the New Tariff Bill.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—There has been some discussion of the probable program of the Democratic members of the finance committee with reference to the tariff bill, and it is learned that while their plans are not definitely matured, they intend to have reasonable consideration of the bill in committee and believe they will have the support of Senator Jones of Nevada upon any fair proposition they submit. The Democrats do not want an extended consideration in committee, but may desire to offer some amendments after they see the bill, the adoption of which they consider they would be more likely to secure in the committee than the open senate. It is said in the senate that the Democratic plan is not to delay the bill any longer than is necessary, but that every senator desiring to discuss it shall have the opportunity to do so, and such record-making votes as the Democrats think necessary shall be had. This policy the Democrats will pursue to the end. In this connection it may be stated that the Democrats of the senate do not approve of the policy of Mr. Bailey and his fellow Democrats of the house. Attention is called to the fact that it was long ago said that the policy which Speaker Reed and the Republicans of the house are pursuing would be followed in order to direct attention to the delay of the tariff bill in the senate.

If delay should ensue by reason of debate by Democratic senators it will be pointed out, Democratic senators say, that this delay is not indorsed by the majority of the Democrats of the house. The Bailey Democrats will be indorsing the Republicans in their criticisms of the Democratic senators. It is not known whether or not the advice which the Democratic senatorial leaders are freely giving the Democrats of the house will be taken, but it is known that house Democrats have been advised that acquiescence in the Republican tactics is not good policy. The Democratic senators do not attribute criticisms which may be directed at them to be indirectly indorsed by the Democratic members of the house.

It is learned today that in the changes made in the tariff bill by the senate sub-committee, the rates in the metal schedule have been made very close to the present law and the same is said of the cotton schedule.

The chemical schedule is understood to be about completed. Many changes in it in the direction of reductions have been made.

TWO PETITIONS.

One for and One Against the Abrogation of the Hawaiian Treaty.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Senator Perkins presented two petitions from California today, one for and the other against the abrogation of the Hawaiian reciprocity treaty. There is a great deal of interest in this question on the Pacific Coast and while some are contending for the abrogation of the treaty so that sugar imported from Hawaii shall pay the same duties as sugar from other countries, other persons insist that the treaty shall not be disturbed. These petitions have been referred to the committee on foreign relations and copies sent to the finance committee. If any action is taken it probably will be in the form of an amendment to the tariff bill, though it is probable the foreign relations committee may consider the subject and make some recommendations.

RIVER IMPROVEMENT.

Engineers May Be Invited to Solve the Mississippi Problem.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—Representative Sayers of Texas, who was chairman of the appropriations committee in the last Democratic congress, and who has had much experience in dealing with government works, suggests a plan for a comprehensive settlement of the Mississippi river problem.

Mr. Sayers would have the United States government invite the engineers of the world to consider the problem of controlling the Mississippi river and to present plans for a permanent system, so that the government might adopt the ideas of the best engineering talent. For this purpose he suggested that a competition might be brought about by an offer of prizes, perhaps $50,000, for the plan which should be considered best and $25,000 for the second best, inducements sufficient to attract the most skillful engineers of the world, those who have dealt with such works as the Suez canal and the dykes of Holland.

OFFICE SEEKERS NUMEROUS.

Ex-Governor Pacheco Would Like to Go to Brazil.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The large batch of nominations sent to the senate yesterday seems to have whetted the appetite of the office seekers and there was a greater crowd at the White House today than for ten days past.

Senators Perkins and White of California introduced ex-Governor Pacheco of California, who is an applicant for the mission to Brazil. Congressman Babcock of Wisconsin, chairman of the congressional committee called to urge the appointment of Fred Schroeder, who was connected with the committee during the late campaign and who is a well known newspaper writer, as consul to some German city.

There were fully 2500 people at the public reception this afternoon.

SPORTS UNDER ARREST.

Pugilist Vernon in a Critical Condition.

PHILADELPHIA, April 21.—Billy Vernon, the Haverstraw light weight, who collapsed in the 14th round in a bout with Leslie Pearce of Camden, N. J., at the Olympic Athletic club, at Athens, Pa., last night, remains in a critical condition at the Presbyterian hospital, this city, and his death may occur at any moment. The physicians cannot say whether his condition is a result of injuries received during the fight or from natural causes. The only mark on his body is a slight bruise over the heart and there are conflicting statements as to whether or not Vernon was felled by a blow from his antagonist.

Pearce and nine other participants in the affair were arrested and the former was committed to jail in Media tonight on a formal charge of assault and battery. By instruction from District Attorney Shafer of Delaware county, who stated that Vernon is likely to die, the justice who held Pearce refused bail. In the event of death Pearce will be charged with murder.

NEW LAWS DISCUSSED

BY SUPERVISORS IN STATE CONVENTION.

Planting of Trees Along County Roads Advocated—Next Meeting at Napa.

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—The state supervisors' convention resumed its labors this morning. Chairman Field, after calling the meeting to order, announced the first topic for discussion to be the "Best method of getting trees set out along county roads."

Mr. Mitchell of Alameda arose to remark that so far as his county was concerned, they wished to get many out that were already in, especially the eucalyptus, camphor and olive, which are not only unsightly but an injury to roads.

Mr. Armour of Orange favored the planting of trees along county roads. They made good shade for the road, were attractive, if the proper kind, and protected the orchards from injury by heavy winds.

Mr. Justice of San Diego stated that the shade trees for roads were popular in his county.

Mr. Ayer of Santa Clara said that they had been grubbing out all eucalyptus and other large shade trees, replacing in some cases with almond, walnut and umbrella. Too much shade keeps the road wet.

Mr. St. John of Santa Barbara gave the experience of planting forests of eucalyptus trees in the Lompoc valley, which was not only profitable for wood but induced a better rainfall. The general expression of the convention was favorable to planting trees along public roads.

The new road laws were by request read to the convention by Mr. Henderson of San Joaquin.

The new extray law was also read. A general discussion afterward resulting in a full comprehension of the laws. The new "Alameda" road law was briefly discussed and generally condemned.

Napa was chosen as the place for holding the next convention, a committee being appointed by the chair to arrange a program.

The convention adjourned until Saturday morning.

SUIT FOR DAMAGES.

Alleged Unlawful Cutting of Timber in Fresno County.

LOS ANGELES, April 22.—Three complaints were filed today in the United States circuit court for the recovery of damages by the United States from Moses Mock in one case and from John W. Humphreys and Moses Mock in the other, for pine timber alleged to have been unlawfully cut upon the federal domain in Fresno county.

Both cases have been in the courts for many years and the cause for complaint is alleged to have occurred in one instance fully thirty years ago.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $225,054,131; gold reserve, $155,091,503.

You probably pay too much a month for tea; it is probably not very good.

Try *Schilling's Best*. If you don't like it, your grocer returns your money.

You may find unexpected pleasure and profit in it.

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WITH VARYING FORTUNE

The War Wages Between Greeks and Turks.

FIFTY HOURS WITHOUT REST

Athens Suffering Terrible Suspense Owing to the Lack of Definite News.

LARISSA, April 21.—The first seriously planned battle commenced today. Early this morning the Greeks, under Generals Mavromichali and Macros, advanced from Reveni, Begnast and Stelos against Edhem Pasha's advance guard. The fighting was greatly extended and the battle raged until late this afternoon with varying fortune.

The Greeks were assisted by thousands of irregulars, who harrassed the Turkish outposts and wings, as well as participated in the general engagement. The Turks had an overwhelming superiority in numbers. They had constructed earthworks and trenches everywhere, and in and behind these awaited the attacks of the Greeks. On the whole they clung tenaciously to the side fences, while the Greeks attacked them again and again with the most desperate bravery.

In spite of the furious attacks still made upon them, the Greeks continue to hold the Reveni and Nezeros passes. At 3 o'clock this afternoon it is a drawn battle.

Crown Prince Constantine is hurrying reinforcements to the front.

ATHENS, April 21.—The public suspense here tonight is terrible, owing to the lack of definite news. The government has received telegrams from Larissa throughout the day, urging the prompt dispatch of reinforcements to that point, as the Greek troops are being exhausted by the constant Turkish attacks. All the shops were closed today while prayers were being offered in the churches for the success of the Greek troops.

Every nerve is being strained to send all available men to the front. The palace guard and the gendarmerie will go tomorrow. Volunteer bands are organizing everywhere throughout the country.

In Thessaly the whole population is being armed and made ready. Next week thousands will start for the frontier from provinces long famous for the finest quality of peasant fighting men.

ATHENS, April 21.—The crown prince has sent several regiments to relieve those which have been fighting at Reveni, but the latter refuse to leave the scene, although they have been actively engaged almost without cessation for nearly fifty hours.

Telegrams from Prevesa say that the town would have been occupied by the Greeks, but it was impossible to spare the men. Major Anzolinos, who gave the order for the abandonment of Gritzsovali, has been replaced by Colonel Papastavre.

Colonel Manos is meeting with little opposition. The Turks are collecting at Pentepigivia, twenty miles south of Janina, where a decisive battle is expected which will settle the fate of Janina.

ATHENS, April 21 (midnight).—An official dispatch from Larissa says that the Greeks continue to defend the Mati pass. Tyrnavo has been completely abandoned by its inhabitants. M. Delyannis has received telegrams from Greek deputies at Larissa which declare that, according to the opinion of the officers, the situation is not yet compromised, as the positions occupied by the Turks are of secondary importance.

A dispatch from Arta says that the Greeks have captured the villages of Aghia, Tsapraali, Paraskevi, Kirnikaia, and Jenyeari, all of which have been abandoned by the Turks.

A dispatch received from Commodore Krlezis, in command of the Greek squadron which bombarded Platanos, says that the 500 Turks were wounded during the bombardment, but the Greeks sustained no losses. The squadron has started for Katrina.

The government has received a dispatch from Larissa which says the exact situation at Damasi is not known there but that the rumor of its capture by the Turks is inaccurate.

ATHENS, April 22.—1 a. m.—The latest advices to the government from Larissa as to the situation at Damasi seem to indicate that the earlier rumors as to the fighting there were inaccurate in important details. A battle has taken place on the Damasi plains. The Greeks approached close to Damasi, but they have thus far failed to capture it.

WASHINGTON, April 21.—The Turkish legation has received an official dispatch from Constantinople as follows:

The village of Krietchano has been occupied by the imperial troops. The division of Neicha Pasha fought until 11.30 in the evening, and took possession of all points commanding the plains of Larissa except a hillock which, owing to the advanced hour, has remained in the hands of the Greeks, but this point also, surrounded from three sides and exposed to the fire of the Turkish guns, cannot but fall soon in the power of the Turkish army. In these quarters and at Badji twelve prisoners and a great quantity of munitions of war have been taken. The Greeks who were defeated at Milouna Pass fled to Larissa.

ATHENS, April 21.—7 p.m.—Fighting has been renewed at Damasi, which is being cannonaded by a Greek brigade advancing from Boughazi. The Turks have occupied the posts of Ligara and Karatzo, which are strategically unimportant, while the Greeks have advanced and occupied the Slati hill.

A dispatch from Arta says that the Turks have abandoned Strevina, beyond Filipniada, after burning it. The bombardment of Prevesa continues, with increasing damage to the forts.

After bombarding Platamono the squadron will proceed to Katerina.

Fiesta Street Parade.

LOS ANGELES, April 21.—Properly speaking the La Fiesta de Los Angeles of 1897 began today. Though there had been several preliminary events and though Francesca and her gorgeous court had arrived and had been seen at the grand ball last night, the gorgeous street parade which began its long line of march at 2 o'clock this afternoon really marked the opening of the fiesta for all the people.

Harold Sewall Gets a Billet.

WASHINGTON, April 22.—Harold M. Sewall, who has been selected for minister to Hawaii, gained prominence during the last campaign by reason of his advocacy of the Republican ticket and platform, although his father was the Democratic candidate for vice president.

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SULLIVAN IS WRATHY.

Will Bet He Can Make Fitzsimmons Jump the Ring.

BOSTON, April 21.—John L. Sullivan is much disturbed by the manner in which Champion Fitzsimmons disposed of his challenge. The big fellow, who is playing in Louisville, Ky., has written a letter to his backer and manager, Frank V. Dunn of this city, in which he says:

"My challenge to Fitzsimmons is meant and goes on record. It is no advertising scheme on my part, but a purely business proposition. The money posted proves faithfulness on my part and is evidence of confidence on my part that I can beat him to a dead certainty.

"I want the public to know that I never laid down or quit in my life, which is more than Fitzsimmons can say. All his talk to the public about his not paying any attention to me does not go. I will make him pay some attention to me and Julian as well.

"I will fight or box him and will bet that I make him jump the ring. I mean every word I say and the public will know that I am no blowhard, the same as the 'Greek.' I can beat him at any stage of the game. I will show him up in his true light and prove that I am his superior, mentally and physically. This is no exhibition of egotism."

RACE WAR.

Trouble Between Whites and Blacks in Indian Territory.

ARDMORE, I. T., April 21.—Trouble between whites and blacks has broken out in the town of Davis, twenty miles north of here, and the negroes have appealed to the territorial authorities for protection. On Saturday night last Charles McCormick, white, was murdered and robbed by a negro named Frank Brown. The crime created unusual excitement in the village. On the Monday following a band of twenty white men, masked and heavily armed, visited the houses of all the negroes in town and warned them to leave the place within twenty-four hours, under penalty of mob violence. The negroes appealed to United States Judge Kilgore, who summoned the grand jury and instructed them that the outrage must be thoroughly investigated, as such acts of mob violence could not be tolerated in the Indian territory. He instructed that neither time nor money should be spared in bringing the guilty parties to justice.

Judge Kilgore's action seems to have prevented the carrying out of the threats of the whites.

A BROKEN NECK.

A Tramp Delivers His Partner a Fatal Blow.

STOCKTON, April 21.—The officers of the county are at work on a peculiar case tonight. Late this evening two men were seen on the railroad track near French camp. They were talking in a loud manner. Suddenly the younger of the two men was seen to strike the other who fell, throwing his hands in the air as he went down. He did not get up and in a short time the other man disappeared over the other side of the grade and has not been seen since.

Those who saw the quarrel went over to the man and found him lying across the rail with his neck broken. The coroner and sheriff were notified. The body was brought to Stockton but could not be identified. The two men were apparently tramping partners and had been about French Camp for several days. It was evidently the fall and not the blow that did the damage, but the officers are making close search for the companion of the dead man.

DARING ROBBERY.

A Paymaster Relieved of $7800 by Highwaymen.

SALT LAKE, April 21.—A daring robbery took place at noon today at Castle Gate, Utah, on the line of the Rio Grande Western railroad. E. L. Carpenter of this city, paymaster of the Pleasant Valley Coal Company, went down this morning with $7800 to pay off the men at the mine. When he reached Castle Gate and was going over to the company's office he was met by two mounted men heavily armed who held him up, relieved him of his cash and then rode off in the direction of Helper. The men cut the telegraph wires to prevent a call for assistance. Within half an hour a posse started in pursuit of the robbers. The coal company has offered a reward of $1000 for the capture of the robbers and $1000 for the return of the money.

BATTLE IN SAN QUENTIN.

Convicts Carve Each Other With Knives.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 21.—As a result of a bloody battle between two convicts in San Quentin prison today, one is dead and the other dying. Each had a knife, and they had been carving each other for fully a minute before the guards could interfere. They had been using the knives in the jute mill. One of the combatants was W. H. Kelly, who was serving a fourteen-year sentence from Sacramento, Cal. The other is Frank Wheeler, who has been in almost every prison in the country, and is regarded as one of the most hardened criminals in the penitentiary. He has served terms in Joliet, Sing Sing and New Mexico.

Kelly died at 6.45 p.m. from the effects of his injuries.

Fruit Damaged in Maryland.

BALTIMORE, April 21.—Dispatches from all parts of Maryland indicate that the recent cold snap has played havoc with blossoming fruit trees and vines in this latitude.

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THE LAW AND THE PREACHER.

The last of Evangelist Johnson's suits has been dismissed, the reverend person's reputation has not been financially cemented and he is left precisely where he was when he began, except it be that he has advertised himself as a slanderer somewhat more extensively than he was before advertised. The libel mountain has labored and brought forth a mouse, and it was not much of a mouse, either; not a mouse of which this itinerant shepherd need be very proud.

However, the REPUBLICAN again refers to the outcome of these actions only with the object of calling attention to a certain phrase of them. In his instructions to the juries Judge Wellborn said in effect that a preacher may deal out slander from his pulpit and that if he does so he is no more exempt from denunciation by the public press than is a man of any other calling.

Of course this is neither new nor startling law, but it is the law that settled Mr. Johnson's aspirations in the direction of a financial salve for his feelings. More than that, it is the law which should serve as a warning to any other reverend person who having dealt out slander, thinks of suing the paper that condemns him for doing so. We would not be understood as suggesting in this that preachers are given to dispensing slander. On the contrary, slander that emenates from a pulpit is rare. But it is a notorious fact that there is a class of sensational preachers, most of them of the itinerant sort, who weigh their words little if they can but find the sensation for which they hunger. It is this class of preachers who should give heed to the law as enunciated by Judge Wellburn, for it is to this class that denunciations are applied by the press.

We have thus called attention to this law because we feel that it cannot be too clearly understood. It is the duty of the press to condemn wholesale slander, and it is well to understand that no class of persons is exempt from such condemnation. Vilification of young girls sounds no better from a pulpit than on a street corner, and the law will tolerate it in one place no more than in the other.

ONE Ruthven, who advertises himself as an "ex-priest of Rome" and as an "Apostle of patriotism" - but may Heaven forbid that patriotism ever shall have such an apostle—advertizes two lectures in this city today, one "for ladies only" and the other "for men only." The subject which he is to discuss "for ladies only" is "Priests and their victims, or the woman in the confessional," and the announcement of the subject is followed by the further announcement, "Girls under 17 years of age not admitted." It must be nice stuff, must it not, which, coming from the lips of a man, a girl of 17 may hear but her sister of 16 must not hear? Coming from the lips of a man of Ruthven's reputation it must be particularly desirable that women, old or young, should hear it. An address which is for women only should be delivered by women only, or not at all; when it is delivered by a man it brands itself as probably infamous. Ruthven's lectures should not be delivered for lack of an audience. He is unworthy of credence, his record is bad and he should be treated with the contempt which he deserves.

GREECE has an army, on a war footing, of 275,377 men; the Turkish army on a war footing has 1,105,800 men. The Turkish army outnumbers that of the Greeks four to one. The Greek navy consists of eleven vessels; the Turkish navy has 122 vessels; eleven to one in favor of the Turks. How could a war begin more hopelessly than this for one of the combatants? And yet the great masses of civilized mankind will hope against hope that the Greeks may be the victors. It is a case, like many another, where right and might do not stand hand in hand.

THE Alameda *Encinal* suggests that the recent sale of an immense body of land in Merced and Stanislaus counties to a Rothschild syndicate is not a good thing for California. The REPUBLICAN indorses the suggestion. The products of California's soil cannot belong too wholly to Californians; too little of the gain that comes of them cannot go to foreigners. Like the *Encinal*, "we favor the enactment of a law prohibiting any one except a citizen from acquiring real estate in this country."

WALTER S. MELICK, who made a reputation for himself in the late legislature, has purchased the Pasadena *News* and henceforth will edit and control that paper. The *News* always has been an excellent paper, but Mr. Melick is a man of fine ability and it is reasonable to expect that it will be improved under his management. The REPUBLICAN wishes much prosperity to the *News* under its new control.

The Republicans and Democrats have united in a municipal campaign at Stockton, and while all the whereases and therefores are not apparent from this distance, it appears to be a united move against the A.P.A., which has municipal control of the town at present. Judging by the tone of the esteemed contemporaries up there it is likely to be a pretty warm fight.

THE vine hopper is now threatening to do greater damage to this year's raisin crop than the frost did last year. It is to be hoped that the threatened disaster may in some manner be averted, but in the meantime it will be well for growers to keep in mind that the threatened danger exists, and if realized that such crop as they may have will command increased prices.

IF the coming municipal administration in Tulare is not a healthy one it will be an awful reflection on the medical fraternity. Four of the five doctors of that town were elected to office in the late election.

BRYAN AND JEFFERSON.

The hatred of William Jennings Bryan and all that pertains to his political theories by Eastern Democrats is something that fairly passeth understanding. Republican hostility to that gentleman's creed amounts almost to friendliness when compared to the bitterness of the sentiment with which he is regarded by that element of his party which renounced the Chicago convention and all its works. The late celebration of Thomas Jefferson's birthday by a sort of Bryanite banquet has served to arouse all the latent fury in Democratic hearts which profess to beat in unison with Jeffersonian principles, and campaign denunciation of the young leader of the New Democracy seems cold and tame while the eastern horizon is lurid with the blazing fury of Democratic wrath.

The following, for example, is the way the conservative New York *Times* refers editorially to Mr. Bryan's proposition to buy the home of the lamented father of Democracy:

Mr. Jefferson M. Levy, the owner of Monticello, declines to sell, but Mr. Bryan ought not to mind him. The accident of ownership and possession confers no rights which he is accustomed to respect. There are only 740 acres in Monticello, anyway—a bagatelle compared with the 3,000,000 square miles of which Bryan tried to diminish or destroy the value last summer by running for President.

The plan to buy the home of Jefferson and maintain it as a Mecca for J. K. Jones, Ben Tillman, George G. Vest, Thomas E. Watson, William Sulzer, B. B. Smalley, Henry George and W. J. Bryan is so felicitous and fit that it is sure to be widely imitated. It is probable that the clear and well-understood relation of the principles of Mr. Bryan to the principles of the father of the Democratic party will determine the organizers of all similar projects in their choice of the hero they propose to honor. The Amalgamated Association of Card Sharps and Thimble Riggers will acquire the tomb of Madison. The Bunco Steerers' Union will buy the Hermitage and make it the favorite resort of the gentry who get their living by their wits. But they will want to keep away from the place on the nights when Andrew Jackson's shade is in the habit of walking. Lincoln's tomb at Springfield will become the property of the Sons of the Peace-at-Any-Price men, while the Descendants of the Blue-Light Federalists will bid high for the resting place of James Monroe at Richmond.

It is a kind of desecration to continue the list. We cannot think of John Most in this relation to a project concerning Mount Vernon without an uncomfortable feeling. But Bryan's designs upon Monticello stir the indignation almost as deeply.

Where are the Democrats who have not forfeited their honest inheritance from Jefferson? Have they no swift words of rebuke for this mountebank apostle of fraud and disorder who has lately begun to set himself up as lord of the fee of Jefferson's political estate? We wonder if Jefferson's birthday will pass without other observance than the Bryanite banquet?

Not content with journalistic denunciation of this character, the sound money Democrats of New York have issued and sent broadcast over the country a lot of literature calculated to show that Jefferson and Jackson were at the antipodes with Mr. Bryan with reference to coinage and other fundamental principles of government, and in this as well as the newspaper articles words are not minced in excoriating the alleged efforts of the Nebraskan to appropriate to himself a share of the glory decending from the illustrious fathers of the party.

It is quite apparent that the political views of W. J. Bryan are divergent from those of Thomas Jefferson in several important particulars, but the REPUBLICAN can easily understand the desire of that person and his followers to minimize those differences as far as possible. This becomes necessary in view of their claim to lineal descendency and right of inheritance, and they cannot be so greatly blamed for their efforts to secure a share of all that is left to make the name of Democracy desirable.

Upon the other hand the bitterness of the old-line Democrats, who renounce the new policies and cling with reverence amounting to superstition to the old, is easily understood, even if the vindictiveness displayed goes beyond the bounds of reason. They feel that the temples in which they so long worshipped are being pulled down and the ark of the covenant desecrated. Their righteous wrath is unbounded, but perhaps it would be as well for them if they should clothe their sentiments in language a little less vitriolic. They should remember that Mr. Bryan can use language himself that is not calculated to soothe the feelings of those who incur it.

It would be interesting to know what Thomas Jefferson thinks about it all when he hangs his harp on a willow tree and looks down over the battlements.

GAME WARDEN FERGUSON is quoted by the Sanger *Herald* as saying: "In view of the fact that Tulare and Kings counties have in force ordinances prohibiting the taking of fish by means of seines or means other than by hook and line, and that the fish peddlers of those counties, usually Chinamen, are drawing their fresh fish supply from the waters of Fresno county, I have recommended that the Board of Supervisors pass a similar ordinance here. The necessity for such action will become particularly imperative when the bass are planted in our waters. By prohibiting the use of seines the fish will be preserved for the pleasure and profit of the whole people instead of a very few persons reaping all the benefit, and I hope to see this idea adopted by the board." Mr. Ferguson's intentions are to be commended, but the REPUBLICAN would suggest the advisability of permitting carp to be taken by seine or any other means whereby other fish will not be destroyed. The carp is an unmitigated nuisance, and the sooner it is exterminated in the rivers of this valley the better for all concerned. Taking other fish by seine should be strictly prohibited, but the prohibition should not apply to carp. People seining for that fish can be required to place back in the water other fish taken with them.

MR. BAILEY of Texas may mix his style of dress as well as his drinks, but the REPUBLICAN submits that this is a prerogative of an American citizen, and that the critics of the Texan statesman are on the wrong tack. Let Mr. Bailey stand by his variegated colors on the dress proposition.

THE signs are excellent for much-needed showers in this locality. Two or three sprinkling wagons were seen on the streets yesterday. It is an indication which seldom fails at this time of year.

A PROPOSED LAW.

There is small probability that the bill which not very long ago passed the New York assembly ever will become a law of that state, but, presuming that it will not, it is difficult to conceive of any just reason why it should not. The bill provides for a graduated inheritance tax, as follows: In addition to a transfer tax of 5 per cent on the estate, there shall be an additional tax of 1 per cent on each additional $250,000 above $500,000. This rate of increase holds good until the $3,000,000 mark is reached, when the tax is 15 per cent, and at this point the increase ceases. The bill passed the assembly without a dissenting vote.

If this bill is subject to an objection, it is because it discriminates to an extent against the greatest estates. If, for instance, it is just that a $3,000,000 estate should pay a 15 per cent tax, whereas a $2,000,000 estate pays but 11 per cent, it is equally just that a $4,000,000 estate should pay 19 per cent. In other words, there is no fair reason why any limit should be placed on the graduated increase of the tax.

But this, it must be observed, is not the objection that has been or will be urged against the bill. The objection to the bill is *in toto*. It resolves itself into this: The inheritors of estates object to being taxed. In the past they have very largely escaped taxation, and they like the sensation that escape produces. How largely they have escaped has often enough been demonstrated, but Assemblyman Dudley, the author of the bill, states the case in the following language:

"It is estimated that the total value of real and personal property in this state is $12,000,000,000, of which less than four billions is real and over eight billions personal property. It is estimated that the four billions bears nine-tenths of the entire tax burden upon property in the state, while the eight billions bears only one-tenth of the burden."

Commenting on this condition of affairs, Mr. Dudley continues:

"Never, until we have a new or radically modified system of levying and enforcing the collection of taxes, can we expect to avoid the monstrous injustice and unfair discrimination which prevail under our laws. The mere fact that less than one-half of the property of the state pays the entire tax burden and the remainder is held tax free under a law which is claimed to be uniform, condemns at once our system."

Is it not evident on the statement of the case that Mr. Dudley is right? And it should be borne in mind that his remarks are in varying degree applicable in every state of the Union. Under this bill the inheritance tax on a $3,000,000 estate would amount to $450,000. This is a snug sum of money which the state could use profitably, but it leaves to the inheritor the much snugger sum of $2,550,000, and the people who inherit that much clear have very little reason to fear the wolf at the door. The man who has two and one-half million dollars need not mourn the half million which missed him, for he still has more than he can use.

Withal, it may reasonably be contended that the man who inherits a large estate owes a goodly sum to society as represented by the state. As a rule he has had little or nothing to do with the accumulation of the estate, whereas society, on the contrary, has had a great deal to do with it. Only by its laws has accumulation been possible and only through its protection has the thing accumulated been kept. Where, as happens in many instances, vast fortunes have been created in a single lifetime, it is evident that the obligation to society is greatly increased.

Of course the holder of the fortune does not ordinarily recognize this fact. On the contrary, as is well known, he in many instances so totally disregards it that he resorts to any sort of a shift or evasion to avoid discharging as much as possible of the debt he owes to society, and as a consequence, the holder of realty pays twenty times as great a tax proportionately as does the holder of personal property. It is, so far as is possible, to equalize these palpable inequalities that the inheritance tax has been devised, and it is to compel the person who receives most from society to return most to it that the graduated system of taxation has been suggested.

As has been said, it is not at all probable that the New York bill will become law. At the first suggestion of such a thing there was a muttering among the millionaires and threats of leaving the state abounded. The contemplation of a state without a millionaire (although our fathers knew many such) appears to have been unbearable, and presumably the bill will not pass the chrysalis stage. A thing of the sort was hardly to have been expected, but it does no harm to submit that it would have been a very just thing nevertheless.

PRESIDENT MCKINLEY has again demonstrated his sincerity and good faith on the question of international bimetallism by his prompt appointment of three able advocates of the monetary reform to bring about a conference with the leading foreign nations. If the Republican party succeeds in solving this coinage problem during the next four years upon the safe lines marked out in its platform it will have earned the gratitude not only of the people of this nation but of the world.

CALIFORNIA had a remarkable session of its legislature recently, but there are others. The Populist majority in the Kansas legislature is devoting most of its time to investigating all sorts of bribery charges, while the Kentucky contingent is monkeying with the senatorial deadlock with all the dignity and assiduity of an inebriated house-breaker. California may not be able to point with pride, but she may at least view with some degree of complacency when comparison is being made.

BABY KINGS proposes to jointly celebrate its birthday and the completion of the Valley road on the 22d of May. It will be a very auspicious occasion for the infant, and many Fresno people should find it convenient to join in the festivities. The business relations between this city and that section will increase rapidly when direct communication is established by rail.

Who will head a campaign for hard money? There will be plenty to follow. —*Tulare Register.*

Didn't G. Cleveland head a movement of that kind while in the presidential chair? And wasn't its failure due to a lack of followers?

Eastern papers say that the accounts of the mismanagement of Yosemite park have been read with horror by the people across the mountains. The accounts may justify the horror, but the facts do not. The state commission has not been a howling success in its management of the park, but no irreparable damage has been done by it. The incomparable grandeur of the valley is still there, undiminished and practically unblemished. The people of the East should quit their shuddering, pack their grips and see the valley as it is. Then they would feel better.

SENATOR PERKINS is to be commended for his firm stand before the senate committee for protective duties on foreign fruits and raisins. The farmers of the country have finally become aroused to the necessity of insisting upon a fair share of the benefits of protection, and good results have already been achieved. The farmers have heretofore been too indifferent to their own interests, and the change now apparent in that respect was not only desirable, but necessary.

If the dispatches can be trusted, Spain has been given to understand that a country known as the United States is situated a few miles northwest of Cuba. And it is to be hoped that the dispatches are right, for apparent foreign uncertainty whether or not this nation was on the map of the world had become wearisome.

EDITOR GOUCHER'S assertion that the Republicans bought their recent victory over the Goucher ticket in this city is on a par with the tactics of the *Expositor* throughout the campaign. "Any old thing is just as good as the truth," appears to have been permanently adopted as the motto of the evening paper.

PERHAPS, as some of the London papers suggest, the United States bimetallic commission recently appointed will have no practical effect. Then, again, perhaps the wish of these papers is father of the thought.

RANDOM REMARKS.

John L. Sullivan may want to fight Fitzsimmons, as his manager says, but the suspicion that he is engaged in advertising himself will not down.

There is one consolation about it; if seeing the airship out here proved that we had got 'em again, it cannot prove anything very different back east where it now is being seen. They must be hard drinkers themselves, back there.

The house of representatives is doing nothing just now except drawing its salary. But it need not be supposed on that account that the American people are not largely interested in its proceedings. The salary must amount to fully $7500 a day.

Here is a problem for you, Willie: If an itinerant preacher who has been in the slander line of business somewhat, sues two newspapers and a citizens' committee and gets soup, how many newspapers and citizens' committees would he have to sue in order to get a square meal? Take your time and answer carefully, Willie.

I seldom trouble Thee, O Lord,
With tales of loss or gain;
Hence kindly hearken just this once—
Send down an inch of rain.
—Visalia Delta.

They meant to turn the faucet on—
I say it not to scoff—
But were so startled by that prayer
They only turned it off.

"It is to be hoped that in the new 'cyclist's' church, to be built in the east, the preacher will not be allowed to indulge in scorching."—*Hollister Free Lance.*

Probably he will not, and if he is not particularly careful not to say too much about scorching in the hereafter he is likely to point more than half of his congregation in the wrong direction.

The "Christian powers," Charles, consist of Russia, Germany, England, Austria, Turkey—Hold! I am not quite certain that Turkey is a "Christian power." All that is very clear is that if Russia, Germany, England and Austria are Christian powers, so also is Turkey, and if the latter is not Christian, neither are the former. They stand in together, you know, Charles.

A dispatch says that the insurgents are operating with the co-operation of the Greek government, and that "the whole matter seems to form the basis for a grave accusation against Greek good faith." It would be a serious matter, would it not, if Greece had concealed her plans from the murderer of her people? It would be a "grave accusation" if she had concluded to strike back without previously notifying the Turkish assassin. Oh, this "good faith" of the nations is a choice and aromatic plant!

They were sitting on the porch. The gentle breeze was sighing about them, the little bird on the rose tree was chirping to his mate in the nest and the air was full of a languorous calm. It was a time for love and romance.

"Ethel," he said.

"Yes, Henry."

"I have long hesitated about asking the question, but, prompted by my feelings, I cannot hesitate longer."

"Yes, Henry."

"Do you—you—"

He paused as if to give his throbbing brain time to do its duty.

"Yes, Henry."

"Do you think that—that—"

"That what, Henry?"

"That this is—is not enough for you?"

It was noticeable that the temperature of the atmosphere in that vicinity immediately lowered 37 degrees.

Queen Victoria's jubilee celebration is approaching, and Labouchere says of it that "the whole energies and whole ingenuities of Londoners are directed to selling seats." Concerning this comment a London correspondent says:

"This is literally true and the rebuke might justly be made more emphatic. Nothing is now heard in connection with the coming jubilee except schemes of one sort or other for making money."

All of which points to a very low ebb of patriotism in the right little, tight little isle. And yet it is not very strange if a nation which has devoted itself almost wholly to money getting shall at last come to place Gold higher than country. Is not this the very condition to which Ruskin long ago warned the English people that they were coming? When the Britons cease to worship hard cash we may expect less "schemes of one sort or other for making money," but until then the shopkeepers will not fail to put even a Queen's jubilee on sale.

It is announced that few people will be permitted to see Durrant hanged; none, indeed, except "those permitted by law to witness the execution." It is announced, further, that the Warden has been overwhelmed with applications to see this hanging. And so, presumably, a host of people will be disappointed. If there is on the face of the earth a brute more cruel of nature than many men the name of this brute is not in the zoologies. To go to San Quentin and watch this poor wretch as, with faltering steps, he approaches his doom; to see him standing on the scaffold with but one moment between himself and eternity; to view that drop to death; to watch the final struggle, the convulsive movements of the limbs, the slow agony of that saddest of deaths—this is the "pleasure" for which some men petition and intercede. I say that among all the wild creatures which roam and prowl for prey there is no cruelty greater than than which would feast on such agony. It is, or should be, an abnormal growth and an unutterably vile one. The prison directors have done well in refusing to pander to and feed it. So ill a thing should receive no encouragement.

The plan of President Debs of the American Railway Union to organize labor in co-operative enterprises, is excellent in that it should result in a very fair test of the feasibility of co-operation at this period of the world's history. The power of the railway union behind such an enterprise should make it successful if such success is among possibilities. That co-operation, if feasible, would be a mighty improvement on that competitive system which places us all with our knives at the throats of one another, is not doubtful, but it is urged that the thought of it is but a dreamer's ideal to which the element of selfishness in human nature forbids attainment. This is the "business" view of the matter, and it is as old, and far older than the time when the Nazarene classed himself among the dreamers who believe that the intellect of mankind may yet master the truth that there is nothing more suicidal than gross selfishness. If the dreamers mistake it cannot be helped, but we need not believe as yet that they do. And in the meantime such a test as the railway union can give to the question will be watched with hope or curiosity, as the spectators may differ.

SAYS REV. EDWARDS DAVIS.

"I am known as a stylish dresser and sensational preacher, but I must confess that I cannot hold a candle to Dr. Boyer. We will open the eyes of some of those old-time ministers and show them how to conduct the new revival in this town. Dr. Boyer is one of the most stylish pulpit orators it has ever been my pleasure to meet. He believes in full dress in the pulpit and will come here prepared to give us some new ideas on church business. What we want to do is to save souls. In order to do so we must get the people to attend our meetings. We will give them some style in the pulpit such as has never been seen here before." —*Rev. Edwards Davis of Oakland in an interview.*

"In this matter of salvation," says the Rev. Edwards D.,
"I would cut it on a bias and I'd dress it up to G;
It should wear a satin choker and a diamond seen a mile,
For this matter of salvation, we must do it up in style.
The folk will come from miles around; they'll come and never fail
To have their souls by Boyer saved and see his swallow tail,
And they'll say to one another, with a tear or with a smile,
'He's a corker on salvation, and he's also up on style.'

"In this matter of salvation," says the Rev. Edwards D.,
"The notion 'blessed are the meek' is out of date, you see.
It may have done all well enough a weary time ago,
But now to save a crop of souls your diamond has to show.
The 'poor in spirit' on a time might hope to make a haul,
But now without a swallow tail their show is very small;
And I think the angels yonder will in exultation smile
When souls astray are garnered in by Rev. Boyer's style.

"Ho, every one that thirsteth!" says the Rev. Edwards D.,
"Come ye unto the fountain, if your clothes are fit to see;
Come drink ye of the fountain; stand in the sacred pale
Where Boyer will receive you in his latest swallow tail.
The glitter of his diamonds, 'tis an emblem of the light
Which yet may fall upon your souls and drive away the night.
The fin de siecle fountain, draw near it with a smile,
For we're corkers on salvation and we're up to date on style."

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Oh Davis, Rev. Edwards, there was One, I now recall,
(For I've often read the story) who was stylish not at all.
He went among the lowly where the rabble skulk and quail,
And I'm lacking information that He wore a swallow tail.
He had not where to lay His head; I think He lacked in style,
But the gray earth still is brighter for the memory of His smile.
And I'm sort of wondering here alone if that great heart did break
For a method of salvation that was all a grave mistake.

THE EDITOR APOLOGIZED.

The tall young man who came into the office shifted his gun from his left hand to his right and said:

"You are the editor of this paper."

"I—I—no—that is, I—"

"You needn't deny it. I know you. You are the fellow to whom my sister gave some verses for publication the other day. They were entitled 'My Lost Love's Quest.' They appeared in the paper as 'My Last Love Greased.'"

"It's that danged type-setting machine. It—"

"Never mind! Never mind! If that was all there was to it I wouldn't say a word. The last four lines of the first verse, as it appeared in the manuscript, read:

"I hold the pain half dear to me;
Its sweet dreams to me troop,
For Love has fixed his mesh, and, see,
My heart is in the loop.

"That, as I have remarked, is the way it appeared in the manuscript. Here is the way it reads in your infamous sheet:

"I hold the pan half near to me:
It's sweet greens to me troop,
For Love has mixed his mash, and, see,
My heart is in the soup."

"If that infernal type-set—"

"Hold on! Look at the first four lines of the third verse now. In the manuscript they read:

"Oh Love, could love but snatch me back
Where all the yesters sit,
Eschewing sum of joy I lack,
I still would welcome it.

"And here is the way you published it to the world:

"Oh Love, could love but scratch my back,
Where all the blisters sit,
As, chewing gum, my jaws I smack,
I still would welcome. Nit!"

"I'll fire that blasted type-set—"

"Wait a minute! The first four lines of the sixth verse were written in this way:

"My loving pangs you may not know,
Nor how those pangs are stirred,
But, oh, the love is sweet, I trow,
Believe, believe the word.

"Here's the way you mutilated those charming lines when they appeared in your paper:

"My lovely pants you may not know,
Nor how those pants are shirred,
But, oh, the lace is sweet, I trow,
Believe, believe the word."

"The man who runs the type-setting machine is a comparatively new hand at the business, and—"

"It doesn't matter about that. What I want is an apology from your paper."

"I'll run the verses over again."

"No, you don't. Once is enough. Will you apologize? Talk right up."

The editor did not want to apologize, but he did it. He was not feeling very well, anyway, and concluded that it would be better to do so.

A.J.W.

KE-LA-LA.

Written for the FRESNO REPUBLICAN by M. Page Minor.

Lo-ma-na, the handsome, the brave and the idol of all the Yava Supai Indians, is seated on a large rock, at the edge of Bridal Veil falls, unmindful of the dangerous proximity of the wild rushing water as it leaps hundreds of feet into the dark fissure beneath him, mournfully gazing at the stone gods "Pa-ah" and "Bo-kee." With outstretched arms, in a supplicating voice, he cries in anguish to the stony images:

"High and mighty spirits of our great and good god, Week-a-a-le-a-la, open unto me your lips of stone and tell me of the spirit of my lost and beautiful Ke-la-la, she who taught the birds of the high mesas to sing when downward they flew from their wintry heights into our deep, rock-bound but beautiful valley; she, who smiling, the peach trees blossomed for her, bringing forth the choicest of fruit; the corn, the beans and the sunflowers ripened at her touch, and the wild flowers, who were her friends, their fragrance is now gone from them and they are dying, with me, of sorrow."

Attached to Lo-ma-na's lamentations is a sad story of the Yava Supai Indian's affection and love. Lo-ma-na and Ke-la-la were the children of neighboring farmers in the pretty little Indian village, one hundred miles north of Williams, Arizona, and situated seven thousand feet below the mesas, or "upper world," in a great fissure of the Grand canyon of the Colorado river. He was a valiant protector to her in childhood, and when they arrived at a mature age Cupid thrust his arrows deeply into their hearts.

A "pow-wow" was held between the parents of each, and eight ponies to be paid Ke-la-la's father by the sire of Lo-ma-na was the purchase price of the bride. The "social event" was to be celebrated upon Ke-la-la's return from Peach Springs, Arizona, where she had gone, accompanied by her brother, to barter dried fruit and baskets for wedding clothes, to consist of Navajo blankets, a red calico dress and colored beads.

At Peach Springs a "hiko" (white man) smitten with her large, lustrous black eyes, blue-black hair, beautiful features and Grecian-like form, by flattery and cajolery, soon made her his bride. Her father mournfully returned to the Indian village, carrying the sad tidings to Lo-ma-na.

A "pow wow" was called. Immediate action was taken by sending six of the braves to Peach Springs to take, by stealth or by force, Ke-la-la from the "hiko." This was accomplished by strategy, the "hiko" fleeing from the country, deserting Ke-la-la, leaving her in the hands of her captors.

They brought her to the village and there, upon one of the high perpendicular walls, she was pinioned alive by her tribe and left to a slow and lingering death. Her bones are still to be seen, but the Indians will not allow them to be molested, as they are kept there as a warning to other Indian maidens who might want to follow Ke-la-la's example and become a "hiko's" bride.

LOS ANGELES FIESTA

EVERY ASSURANCE OF A SUCCESSFUL CELEBRATION.

Street Parade Wednesday—Indian Sports Thursday—Battle of Flowers Friday.

LOS ANGELES, April 19.—The streets of Los Angeles are looking brilliantly kaleidoscopic with orange, red and green decorations which herald La Fiesta of 1897, and when the carnival dressing is completed it will surpass in beauty any similar costuming in the history of the city. There is every assurance of a most successful celebration. The efforts of the fiesta managers to arrange a program of festivity and display which should eclipse those of former years, have met with hearty popular sympathy and the indications are for a series of entertainments which will stimulate the pride of the southern metropolis.

The initial feature of the fiesta will be the grand ball to be given Tuesday evening in Hazard's pavilion. At this function Her Majesty, La Reina de la Fiesta will make her first appearance, attended with all pomp and stately ceremony that might surround a real monarch on a similar occasion. The queen will then be presented with the key of the city, a handsome creation in gold and silver. This detail will be succeeded by the knighting of three distinguished citizens of the city.

Wednesday will be observed with a grand street parade. In the evening there will be a grand concert.

Thursday afternoon will be devoted to Indian and Spanish sports and a bicycle tournament. The evening of the same day will witness an illuminated pageant descriptive of the "legends of flowers."

On Friday, what is usually considered the most beautiful of fiesta features, will occur the floral parade and battle of flowers. There will be a water carnival and fireworks at Westlake Park in the evening.

Saturday will be known as childrens' day, and the carnival will close in the evening with a revelry of maskers on the streets.

WEATHER AND CROPS.

Warm Wave Beneficial to Fruits and Berries.

SACRAMENTO, April 19.—The following weekly crop report is issued by the State Agricultural Society in co-operation with the United States Weather Bureau climate and crop service, California section, J. A. Barwick, director:

The average temperature for the week ending Monday, April 19th, was as follows:

Fresno 72 degrees; Los Angeles 62; Red Bluff 70; Sacramento 68; San Francisco 58, and San Diego 60.

As compared with the normal temperatures there was an excess of heat over the entire state ranging from 1 to 10 degrees.

There was a deficiency of rainfall over the state ranging from .21 of an inch to .55.

The abnormally warm weather has generally been beneficial to fruits and small berries but was detrimental to grain. The warm wave was accompanied by drying northerly winds, which have crusted the ground, making plowing for summer fallow rather difficult. Rain and colder weather is needed in the San Joaquin valley for wheat, barley and rye crops.

Vine hoppers are bothering the grape vines in various vineyards in the state.

The weather, temperature and sunshine have been more favorable than otherwise for crops. There is no doubt but what a good warm rain of an inch or more would greatly benefit all crops at the present time, if it were not followed by cold weather.

Highest temperature 103 at Hanford, Kings county; lowest temperature 30 at Yreka, Siskiyou county and Cedarville, Modoc county.

BORN.

HENRY—In this city, April 14, 1897, to the wife of A. E. Henry, a daughter.

SANDERSON—In West Park, April 16, 1897, to the wife of Sam Sanderson, a daughter.

MARRIED.

ASH—REESE—In Jackson, Miss., April 1, 1897, John Murrell Ash and Miss Sophie A. Reese of Fresno, Cal. The ceremony was performed by the Rev. M. H. Dubose, formerly editor of the Pacific Methodist.

NELSON—DONAHO—At the bride's home near Fowler, April 18, 1897, Frederick Nelson and Miss Mattie J. Donaho, both of Fowler, Rev. E. P. Williams officiating.

For Over Fifty Years

MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP has been used for children teething. It soothes the child, softens the gums, allays all pain, cures wind colic, and is the best remedy for Diarrhœa. Twenty-five cents a bottle.

Cope's Tonic Bitters surpass all others as an appetizer, and for the cure of constipation and bilious affections. Sold by all dealers.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to Jose E. Pimentel and Marie F. Dias. The girl is only 14 years old, yet her father gave his consent to the union.

MISJUDGED HIS COMPANION.

Queer Experience of a Traveler on a Lake Steamer.

"Speaking of misjudging people," remarked the young man who has money and can take pleasure trips whenever he feels like it, "I had a peculiar experience when I took the steamer trip up the lakes. I was little late in applying for a berth, and the clerk informed me that every stateroom was occupied, and he would have to give me a berth in the same stateroom with another person. I didn't particularly like the idea, but it was the best I could do, and, being very tired, I turned in. I saw nothing of my roommate, and, he having first choice of berths, and presuming that he would choose the lower one, I climbed up above.

"I wondered what sort of a man he would prove to be, and to be on the safe side I took my gold watch and pocketbook and placed them carefully under my pillow. I tried to stay awake until he came in, but the motion of the boat lulled me to sleep in spite of myself, and I didn't wake up until morning. The other person had turned in without disturbing me. I heard him stirring around in the lower berth. Cautiously I slipped my hand under the pillow. Both my pocketbook and watch were gone. There was no denying it. I searched the berth carefully and quietly. There could be no mistake. My handsome timepiece and several hundred dollars in bills were gone. I lay still for a long time, wondering what I would do. Perhaps he had passed the plunder into the hands of a confederate. I felt pretty blue. Anyway, I would report the matter to the captain. I sat up in my berth with sudden resolve. A pleasant faced young man was sitting, fully dressed, on the lower berth.

"'I've been waiting for you to wake up,' he said. 'Do these things belong to you?' He was holding up my purse and watch.

"'Yes, sir, they do,' I answered severely.

"'Well, the blame things plumped down on me this morning about an hour before I wanted to wake up. The wallet struck me blim on the end of the nose and the watch nearly knocked my front teeth out. I was never so startled in my life.'

"I looked sheepish, I suppose; I certainly felt so, for, turning the pillow down, I found that the springs were of woven wire and lacked several inches of filling in the space at the head of the berth. My property had simply slid through and dropped upon the face of my startled stateroom companion. He took matters very good naturedly, and we got to be good friends before we got to Duluth. He was a wealthy young Englishman taking his first trip through our western country, looking for investments, and I found him a very companionable fellow."—New York Tribune.

SPANISH GRANDEES.

They Constitute the Real Aristocracy of the Haughty Nation.

The real aristocracy of Spain is limited to the 243 grandees, many of them untitled, who enjoy innumerable privileges, including those of remaining seated and covered in the presence of royalty and of access to the sovereign at all times. Admission to the grandeza is exceedingly difficult to obtain, for it is necessary to prove a long line of blue-blooded ancestry, unsullied either on the paternal or on the maternal side by any plebeian strain. The ancient ceremony of conferring the grandeza—this and the ceremony of inducting a peer to his seat in the house of lords constitute the only forms of investiture of nobles that survive in the old world—is termed an almohada and is exceedingly rare. Queen Christina has held but two since her husband's death; there were three during the reign of King Alfonso XII. One of the latter was witnessed by a writer in the New York Tribune, who thus describes it:

"It took place in the small throne-room of the royal palace at Madrid. The men of grandee rank were at the right of the dais and the women at the left. On the king exclaiming, 'Be seated!' they all took their places upon tabourets, or stools of carved wood, topped with large purple velvet cushions. Everybody else, such as the members of the diplomatic corps and of the royal household, remained standing. Then the doors at the farther end of the room opened, and, preceded by a herald and two chamberlains and accompanied by the two grandees acting as sponsors, the postulant for admission to the grandeza appeared and approached the throne with three low obeisances. A tabouret, with purple cushion, having been brought and placed on the lowest of the steps leading up to the throne, the king commanded the candidate to be seated and thereupon addressed a few complimentary words to him, recalling the services of his family to the dynasty in bygone ages. Alfonso concluded his little speech by extending his hand to be kissed, at the same time directing him to take his place among the peers.

"Retiring backward from the royal presence, the newly fledged grandee was conducted by his sponsors to the side of the hall occupied by the ladies of the grandee rank, to whom he made a low bow, and then to that of the men, whom he saluted in the same manner. He thereupon put his hat upon his head, his example being instantly followed by every grandee present, who all remained covered until, his stool and cushion having been removed from the steps of the throne and placed beside those of his peers, he had seated himself thereon. This brought to a close the actual ceremony of almohada, which was rendered extraordinarily picturesque by the superb toilets of the women, by the gorgeous tabards of the royal heralds and by the brilliant uniforms of the generals, the court officials, the ministers of state, and, last, but not least, by those of the diplomats."

Idaho's Island Wonder.

Henry lake is a beautiful body of water with an area of about 41 square miles and is situated on the dome of the continent in a depression in the Rocky mountains near Targees pass, Idaho. Henry lake is of no consequence itself, but it is the "home" of a most wonderful floating island, which is seen first on one side of the lake and then on the other. The island is about 300 feet in diameter and has for its basis a mat of roots and decayed vegetation sufficient to support large trees and a dense growth of underbrush. The edges of this floating island are thin, of course, but near the center it is several feet thick and of sufficient strength to support a good sized summer hotel, if some one could be found that would care to make such a venture. There is a good sized willow thicket near the center of the island, and scattered around among them are several dwarf pines and aspens. These trees catch the breeze which is continually blowing over this highly situated lake, and, acting as sails on a boat, move the 300 foot island hither and thither over the 40 square miles of water at their will. Old mountaineers who are well used to all kinds of queer things declare that the floating island of Henry lake is the most wonderful thing to be seen in the mountain regions of the United States.—St. Louis Republic.

FATHER RUTHVEN HERE

HE ANNOUNCES ANTI-CATHOLIC LECTURES.

Denounced by Los Angeles Papers as an Impostor—His Record.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Circulars were distributed around town yesterday announcing that Father Ruthven, an ex-priest of Rome, would deliver a lecture "for ladies only" this afternoon on "Priests and Their Victims, or the Woman in the Confessional;" and "for men only" in the evening on "Why Priests Don't Wed, or Horrors of the Roman Confessional."

"Father" Ruthven's record seems to have preceded him, for while he was nowhere to be seen yesterday a number of people were deeply immersed in Los Angeles papers of recent date which give the self-styled "Father" such a reputation as would suggest the necessity of fumigation. The Los Angeles *Herald* is particularly profuse in its display of knowledge concerning "Father" Ruthven's past. After quoting Ruthven as stating that he was formerly a priest in St. Bridget's church, diocese of New South Wales, the *Herald* says:

"From a reliable and authentic source, however, a very different story of the 'Father's' history and doings has been obtained, to the effect that he cannot be an 'ex-priest,' from the simple fact that he never was a priest. Moreover, 'Father' Ruthven is not the man's name at all, but one assumed, because during his childhood he answered the euphonious name of Riordan. His true name is said to be Victor M. Riordan, and he has been known as the Rev. V. M. O'Riordan and Keith Ruthven.

"Ruthven, or Riordan, would according to published accounts which he has not taken the time to refute, appear to be an unscrupulous imposter, who, after being chased out of the East, has come to California to browse and grow fat on the supposed credulity of its people.

"He was born in Ireland. When a young man he entered a Jesuit school at Dublin as a theological student. He was partly educated for the priesthood and had gotten far enough to be tonsured when he was expelled from the school for drunkennes and disreputable practices. He then left Ireland and went to Australia where he renounced the Catholic church and joined the Presbyterian church, being subsequently ordained a minister and installed as pastor of a congregation. He married a young woman of one of the best families in one of the Australian cities. His wife was soon obliged to separate from him on account of his drunkenness and extreme cruelty. He afterward professed to have reformed and she returned to him but was compelled a second time to leave him. Charges of drunkness and cruelty were preferred against him before the Presbytery, but he agreed to surrender his ministerial credentials and leave the country. The charges were not prosecuted, but he was deposed as a minister.

"Ruthven came to America and began to lecture against the Catholic church. At Lincoln, Ill., he so pleased the congregation of the First Presbyterian church that they asked him to fill their pulpit for a year while their pastor was absent on sick leave. The Presbytery agreed to this on condition that Ruthven got his credentials from Australia. This he was unable to do, and the Presbytery having obtained written evidence of his character, removed him from the pulpit. At this move Ruthven became defiant and tried to take the entire congregation into the Congregational church, but was unable to accomplish it. Ruthven then joined the Baptist church and was immersed, but he was soon expelled from the congregation and published as a fraud.

"Soon after this he began to lecture on the Catholic church again in Pennsylvania, having Philadelphia for his headquarters and traveling through the country accompanied by a woman.

"Next he turned up as an inmate of the Keeley liquor cure institution at Dwight, Ill., and leaving there as cured, went to Detroit where he jumped his hotel bill and sought refuge in Canada.

"Here again he was confronted with the evidence of his past misdeeds and compelled once more to return to the United States, which he entered at Buffalo. Here his talents took a new direction. He began by holding public meetings and soliciting funds with which to construct a steam vessel for use in mission work among the South Sea islands. He distributed slips of paper on which was a picture of the vessel he intended to build and promised to cover the ship inside and out with sheets of copper, on every one of which would be engraved the name of a contributor.

"While he was engaged in this 'noble and philanthropic' work the Rev. Dr. Patton came to America on a soliciting tour for the Australian church. He denounced Ruthven, as soon as he heard of him. Ruthven, who had applied for admission into the presbytery of Buffalo, was refused because he could neither furnish the proper credentials nor any evidence of belonging to the church.

"In February, 1893, he was arrested in Buffalo on the charge of obtaining money under false pretences for charity and his case was called for trial on April 25th. He was found guilty and sentenced to serve one year in the Erie county penitentiary. Ruthven claimed that his imprisonment was the result of a conspiracy formed against him because he was a converted Catholic. He alleges that the district attorney, his own counsel and five of the jury were Catholics, whereas all of the jury which tried him were Protestants save one, and James C. Templeton, a United Presbyterian lawyer, who was employed to defend him, refused to do so, saying that he believed him to be guilty."

On the circular distributed in this city yesterday is a recommendation from the Boston *Herald*. In its issue of January 21st last that paper, under the caption of "False Pretense," denies that it ever gave Ruthven commendation and doubts if Ruthven ever appeared in Boston, unless it was under some other name. The Pittsburg *Times* and other eastern papers are also said to have published Ruthven's record.

It is not likely that the "silver offering" which Ruthven invites to be left at the door will be very extensive at the lectures, nor is it probable that any ladies will avail themselves of the opportunity to listen to what cannot fail to be unfit for modest ears.

The local A. P. A. say that Ruthven has no connection with their order and that they are not responsible for his visit to Fresno.

A Damaging Slide.

From the Clovis Herald.

A snowslide on the mountain near the mill knocked out ten sections of flume yesterday morning, and as the slide occurred in a dangerous place some little difficulty will be experienced in repairing the break.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

Wm Shoemake et ux to W H Carpenter, lots 4, 5 and certain portion of lot 8 in Curtis and Shoemake's tract; $10.

Mrs Sarah E Watts to Mrs Juliane Christensen, w½ of w½ of ne¼ of nw¼ of sec 9, t 16, r 21; $100.

Perina Barlsich to A B Ewing, assignee of the estate of Peter Barlsich, an insolvent debtor; lots 1, 2 and 3 in blk 8 of the town of Clovis; $50.

J N Benedict et ux to G A Norman, n½ of sw ¼ of sec 28, t 19, r 17; $10.

People's Savings Bank of Fresno to W T Osborn, lots 7 and 8 in blk 8 of Altamont addition to Fresno city; $200.

G M Arens to J A C Peterson, lots 21 and 22 in blk B and lots 16 to 20 in blk C of the Second South Selma addition; $50.

J M Graham to J P Merker, lot 5 in blk 10 of Parkhurst's west addition to the town of Sanger; $850.

A STATE OF WAR EXISTS

Troops Being Hurried to the Front.

FIGHTING DURING THE NIGHT

Edhem Pasha, Turkish Military Commander, Ordered to Assume the Offensive.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 17.—The council of ministers, after a session at the palace today, declared that war had broken out on the frontier, owing to the incursion by the Greeks on Turkish territory and Edhem Pasha, the Turkish military commander, was authorized to assume the offensive.

The announcement of an actual existence of a state of war on the frontier was at first misunderstood, reports that the council of ministers had declared war upon Greece being widely circulated. It was also reported that the council of ministers had decided to recall Assim Bey, the Turkish minister at Athens, and give passports to Prince Maurocordato, the Greek minister at Constantinople. These reports of a severance of all diplomatic relations between Turkey and Greece have been denied.

The situation is summed up in a detailed circular sent this evening to the Turkish representatives abroad. This circular recalls the week's invasion of Turkish territory and states that the last incursion was participated in by the Greek troops, thereby establishing war. The circular expresses the hope that the powers, in a spirit of justice, will agree that the entire responsibility for the war falls on Greece. Turkey has no idea of conquest, the circular adds, and as a fresh proof of pacific sentiments, the sublime porte offers to retire the Turkish troops on the frontier if Greece will retire her forces from the frontier and Crete.

ATHENS, April 17—Midnight.—In spite of the fact that official reports indicate that firing on the frontier ceased at midday, a telegram from Larissa at 7 o'clock in the evening says that firing continued past 4 o'clock this (Saturday) afternoon.

The line of fire extended from Mount Analipsis to Klephtika Gentilia, a distance equal to ninety minutes' march, which the Greeks promptly occupied. The Greeks cannonaded the Turks from the Greek position at Tsamteja in the rear. The cannonading caused much excitement at other points. Since noon strong bodies of the Turks have concentrated in the direction of Mount Analipsis. At 5 o'clock the fire slackened. It is expected that the Turks will attempt a night attack upon Analipsis, which was the center point of battle.

Greek reinforcements have arrived and there is a general movement of troops toward the frontier.

Reinforcements are being hurried toward the frontier from all directions.

ATHENS, April 18,—1 a.m.—An official dispatch from Larissa, dated at 9 o'clock last (Saturday) night, says that the Turks, under cover of darkness, are assaulting the Greek forces at Mount Analipsis with great fierceness. The Greek resistance so far has been magnificent and spirited. The Greeks still maintain their positions. The firing began at Critzovali, with an attempt of the Turks to occupy a strategic position in the neutral zone. The Turks continue to abandon their advance posts, a general movement apparently taking place. Firing is reported from Milouna, and from Larissa the flashing of guns can be seen. In yesterday's fight at Mount Analipsis the Greeks lost forty wounded and three killed.

LONDON, April 17.—The Greco-Turkish situation is understood here to be substantially as follows: War has not been officially declared between Turkey and Greece, but it has been declared officially to have "broken out." The Turkish cabinet has decided to sever diplomatic relations with Greece and has ordered Edhem Pasha, the commander of the Turkish forces to take the offensive. It is said in London that war between Turkey and Greece has actually begun, the Turkish declarations that war has "broken out," being merely for the purpose of diplomatically putting the onus of the war upon the kingdom of Greece.

OAKLAND RACES.

Palace Hotel Handicap the Feature of the Day.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—Three stakes were run off at Oakland today—the Candelaria hadicap for 2-year-olds, the Athenian club hurdle handicap and the Palace hotel handicap. The latter event was the feature of the day, all the best handicap horses facing the barrier, including Rutmart, the winner of the Burn's handicap. The latter, with Marty Bergen up, easily duplicated his performance of last Saturday, winning from Buckwa by an open length. Ruimart was again an outsider in the betting, as the wise ones maintained that his victory in the Burns' hanicap was in the nature of a fluke. His performance today, however, places him at the very top notch, as he was heavily penalized and had against him a field of horses superior to that of a week ago. Ruimart has been entered in numerous eastern stakes and will be shipped east shortly.

The Candelaria handicap was won by McDonough's Rosermonde, the Ormonde filly, who has shown wonderful development. She was 30 to 1 in the betting.

Baby Bill captured the hurdle stakes-winning by a short head from Mon, talvo, the favorite. Weather fine; track fast. Summaries:

One mile—Ostler Joe won, Bernardillo 2, Grady 3. Time, 1.42.

Two miles and a quarter, the Athenian handicap, hurdle—Baby Bill won, Montalvo 2, J. O. C. 3. Time, 4.24½.

Two miles, selling—Unity won, Collins 2, Oakland 3. Time, 3.32.

Five furlongs, the Candelaria handicap—Rosermonde won, Recreation 2, The Cheat 3. Time, 1.02¼.

The Palace Hotel stakes, handicap, for all ages, value $2000, one mile and an eighth—Ruimart won, Buckwa 2, Time, 1.53¾.

Five and a half furlongs—Cesarian won, Zamar II 2, California 3. Time, 1.08.

TORTURED AND ROBBED.

Twelve Masked Men Assault an Entire Family.

FINDLAY, O., April 17.—The famous Blakesley family, living three miles from this city, were robbed and tortured at 3 o'clock this morning by twelve masked robbers. The family consists of Mrs. Rebecca Blakesley, Eliza Blakesley, a daughter, and John and Smith Blakesley, sons.

The burglars broke into the room where the people were sleeping and a desperate fight ensued. John and Smith were beaten into insensibility and Mrs. Blakesley and her daughter were bound hand and foot.

Torches were applied to their feet to make them reveal the hiding place of their treasure without avail. Some of the robbers meanwhile were ransacking the house and found in a bureau drawer $5000 in bills and three gold watches. Eliza was the first to release herself from bondage and summoned help from the city. John Blakesley is in a critical condition and it is feared that he will die. Smith's head was cut open and the feet of both women were badly burned.

HUNTER STILL LIVES.

The Horseman's Attempt to Commit Suicide a Failure.

OAKLAND, April 17.—James Hunter, part owner of the horse Gold Bag, who was believed to have killed himself in a fit of despondency after his horse had failed to win a race at Emeryville, is still alive. The old man disappeared soon after the race and from his actions it was thought that he had killed himself.

Last night a man jumped into the Oakland estuary, trying to drown himself. He was rescued and taken to the city prison. He gave the name of James McCoy and refused to make any statements about himself. Today he was identified as Hunter.

He is still very despondent on account of debts, which he had intended to pay from the winnings he expected to get from his horse. He is also badly afflicted with rheumatism. He took laudanum before jumping into the water.

MARCEAU SUED.

Mrs. Fennell Attaches His Bank Account.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 17.—The Marceau family skeleton was again exposed to public gaze this afternoon when Mrs. Gerald Fennell, formerly Mrs. Marceau, served an attachment upon Theodore Marceau's bank account and photograph gallery to recover $3,000 which she alleges belongs to her minor child, Allen Fiske, the son of her first husband. She says it was transferred to Marceau's private account while he was one of her bondsmen as guardian for the child. Mrs. Fennell was once Mrs. Amanda J. Fiske of Fresno.

THE THIRD CASE.

Johnson Versus Briggs and Others Dismissed.

LOS ANGELES, April 17.—Judge Ross, on motion of the defense, dismissed the suit of Evangelist Johnson against A. R. Briggs et al. of Fresno, for $25,000 damages for alleged libel.

A ROARING TORRENT

SPREADING OVER LOW LANDS OF LOUISIANA.

The Crevasse at Biggs Nearly a Mile Wide—Loss to Property Will Be Enormous.

VICKSBURG, Miss., April 17.—An official report at midnight says the crevasse at Briggs, four miles below Delta, La., is nearly a mile wide and that the roaring torrent is spreading over the low lands of Madison parish with startling rapidity. This is unquestionably the most destructive break that has occurred and the loss to property and live stock will be enormous. A large part of Madison, Tensas and Concordia parishes will be inundated, and the fine farms of Franklin and Catahoula parishes are in imminent danger. The fertile lands of these parishes have been prepared for this year's crop and in many instances cultivation is well under way.

All day long refugees have been fleeing to this city with their stock and other property. The water was seventeen feet deep against the levee when it broke, and the men who were on the spot say that it poured through in vast circular masses or whirlpools, twenty feet high.

The number of refugees in the city has been largely increased and they are coming on every boat. The water flooded the Vicksburg, Shreveport and Pacific railroad in a few hours and trains west of this place are abandoned in consequence. The town of Delta is overflowed deeply and planters say that the water will back up to Milliken's Bend, sixteen miles north. Three white persons, two men and a woman, passed twelve hours in the midst of the furious waters of the crevasse, perched in a tree. The water roused them from their beds and they hand only time to seek safety in the tree when the mighty flood was upon them. They made known their presence by shouts and pistol shots during the night, and several attempts to rescue them were made, but it was not until 10 a.m. that an adventurous crew from the government steamer Etta Etheridge put out in a yawl and rescued them. No loss of life has occurred and the crevasse is thought to have relieved the situation of its worst features. The river is falling here.

A SANGERITE ROBBED

W. D. WILEY SANDBAGGED IN OAKLAND.

Stunned by the Blow, But Recovered in Time to Shoot at His Assailant.

OAKLAND, April 17.—W. D. Wiley, manager of the Kutner-Goldstein Company's store in Sanger, Fresno county, was sandbagged at an early hour this morning as he passed through the City park at Eleventh and Jefferson streets and was relieved of $50 in cash.

Wiley had returned to Oakland from San Francisco on the last boat and proceeded at once to his home. He sought to reduce the distance he would have to travel by cutting through the park, but he had only reached the trees when he was attacked. The blow that felled him was delivered with a sandbag, as Wiley firmly believes, and was in the hands of an expert. He was for the moment unconscious and then it was that the footpad went hastily through his pockets.

Wiley was stunned by a blow from the rear. A moment or two later, however, he recovered himself sufficiently to raise upon one arm, when he saw the retreating figure of his assailant. Whipping out a revolver he took a shot, hoping to bring the fellow to the earth. Whether she bullet found its mark or not is not known but the chances are that Wiley's aim was defective.

Wiley was not badly hurt.

High Priced Fish.

SANTA CRUZ, April 16.—In the Soquel justice court today H. F. Plummer plead guilty to illegal fishing and paid a fine of $100. Plummer was accused of killing fish in the Soquel Creek with giant powder. Plummer is a well known San Jose sportsman and has been looked upon as a wonder as a trout fisher, for no matter how swollen streams were, Plummer always returned home with well filled baskets. His success at fishing was regarded as marvelous by other anglers. His arrest caused much surprise in San Jose, where he is engaged in the saloon business.

The Masked Robber Makes a Haul.

LEADVILLE, April 16.—A masked robber entered the saloon of Michael Farrell early this evening, and covering the proprietor with a revolver, took from the till several hundred dollars. The robber is still at large.

HE LIVED IN FRESNO

Harry Price's True Name is Oliver Pike.

RELATIVES BELIEVED HIM DEAD

The Supposed Victim of a Trunk Mystery Establishes His Identity.

CHICAGO, April 16.—Oliver Pike, the supposed victim of the Salt Lake, Utah, trunk mystery, has turned up. He has written to his mother and friends at Fayette, Ohio, where his body was supposed to be reposing in a grave in the Fayette cemetery. To the Fayette *Record* he has written a letter in which he says:

"I wish to inform my friends, through your paper, that I am living, notwithstanding contrary reports. When I wrote home a short time since I found some trouble in proving that I was myself, for a strange combination of circumstances seemed to prove that I was dead.

"I lived in Fresno, Cal., two years; in Hanford two years, and the past year in Redlands. Since leaving Puget Sound I have lived under an assumed name, and anyone wishing to inquire will learn nothing discreditable by writing to the places I have mentioned and asking for Harry Price, by which name I am known. Of the cause which led me to take the course I did, will say nothing, for I do not think I could do it satisfactorily.

"I am a laundryman by occupation, which business I have followed for nearly five years.

(Signed) "OLIVER PIKE."

The letters of the Ohio newspaper and his mother and friends are taken as authentic and they no longer doubt his identity.

As explained in Pike's letter, he had some difficulty in establishing the fact of his existence to his relatives, as they had identified his body, they thought, beyond the shadow of a doubt.

Pike's reappearance opens up the entire case again and makes it a greater mystery than ever.

March 23, 1896, Phillip Gries and Charles Haas of Austin purchased a large box at auction from auctioneers who were selling a large quantity of unclaimed freight for the Chicago and Northwestern railroad.

Two days after the box was opened at Austin and found to contain a medium sized green trunk, bound with iron strips. The space between the trunk and the sides of the box was packed with sawdust. Within the trunk was a zinc box, the cover soldered tight. Within the inner box was found the decomposed body of a man. It had been bound with a light rope so as to fit compactly in the box, and some chemicals had been placed around it so as to destroy the flesh.

The box was shipped from Salt Lake, Utah, on the morning of February 3, 1893. It was left at the freight office of the Union Pacific at that place the day before by a man giving his name as G. M. Morgan, and was billed to G. M. Morgan, No. 166 Jefferson street, Chicago.

The freight was prepaid and the shipper took a train ostensibly for this city the same day. It was shipped as household goods and weighed 540 pounds. It arrived in Chicago February 16th and remained in the Chicago and Northwestern freight depot until July 23, 1893. It was unclaimed, and notices sent to the address on the box elicited no reply. On that date it was delivered to the warehouse belonging to the auctioneers where it remained for nearly three years. On February 9th it was decided to sell the box at auction to get back the freight and storage charges. A notice was then sent to the consignee at Salt Lake, that he would be given until February 28th to pay the charges and redeem it. No reply being received the box was sold and the discovery of the body followed.

Two clews were followed by the police. One theory was that the body was that of Oliver Pike, and that he had been murdered in Seattle, Wash. His relatives identified the body and had it taken to Fayette for burial. He disappeared from Seattle July 3, 1892, and was never heard from until a few days ago, when he wrote to his relatives. It was thought that Pike had been murdered from damaging evidence he possessed concerning the operations of an insane asylum at Steilacoom, Wash. An investigation was made but no definite proof was ever established that Pike had been done away with by the supposed persons at the Steilacoom asylum and the matter was dropped.

Mrs. A. T. Mosher and O. G. Goriot, cousins of Pike, were seen last night in Ravenswood. They have been in communication with the missing man's mother and stated that she believed her son was still alive and that a mistake had been made in the identification of the body found in the trunk at Austin. Presents had been received by Pike's sister purporting to come from him and he had also sent a photograph.

In a letter received by Pike's mother he stated that he would return to his home in Fayette, Ohio, some time in June. His cousin, Mr. Goriot, intimated that Pike had gotten into some trouble out in Washington and had a purpose in wanting to lose his identity for a time.

DEATH OF MRS. HANNA.

Mother of United States Senator Mark A. Hanna.

ASHEVILLE, N.C., April 16.—Mrs. S. M. Hanna, mother of United States Senator Mark A. Hanna of Ohio, died at Kennelworth Inn, Biltmore, at 4 o'clock this morning of pneumonia. She had been in Asheville only a few days, visiting the kindergarten in which she was much interested, and her death was totally unexpected here. Mrs. Hanna was at Kennelworth inn several weeks ago, accompanied by Miss Hanna.

Senator Hanna has been summoned from Washington. The body of Mrs. Hanna will be taken to Cleveland, Ohio, tomorrow afternoon.

STATE UNIVERSITY FIRE.

Building of the College of Agriculture Destroyed.

BERKELEY, April 16.—A fire at the University of California this afternoon entirely destroyed the building occupied as a college of agriculture. The fire is believed to have started either from an explosion in the chemical laboratory or from the heat generated by use of an incubator. The building contained expensive chemicals and the laboratory of appliances. The loss is estimated at $40,000. It was a three-story frame structure.

Dental Examiners Appointed.

SACRAMENTO, April 17.—Gov. Budd this afternoon appointed Dr. F. H. Metcalf of Sacramento, Dr. G. I. Brucker and G. F. Beckman of San Francisco members of the state board of dental examiners.

Condition of the Treasury.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—Today's statement of the condition of the treasury shows: Available cash balance, $223,448,962; gold reserve, $154,620,925.

THREE CENT FARE.

The New Law Causes Trouble at Indianapolis.

INDIANAPOLIS, April 16.—For the present at least the Citizens Street Railway Company has decided to give up its fight against the 3-cent fare law. A. Mason, president of the company, said until the case is settled by the courts 3 cents will be accepted as fare. There were many riotous scenes on some of the streets down town today. The street railway company had repeated yesterday's verbal instructions to conductors to pay no attention to the law, fixing fares at 5 cents, and had posted in the barns a notice that 5 cent fares should be collected. An informal indignation meeting was held in the forenoon hours at Illinois and Ohio streets. The announcement of President Mason, it is thought, has been made just in time to avert serious trouble.

The county grand jury was today called together and instructed by Judge McCrary to investigate the violation of the law by the Citizens Railway Company and its employes.

SERIOUS ACCIDENT.

A Carpenter Crushed by a Falling Timber.

MODESTO, April 16.—Fred H. Ellis was brought to Modesto today from Elmwood station, on the San Joaquin Valley railroad near the Merced county line, seriously and probably fatally injured from an accident which happened late yesterday. Ellis was engaged in constructing a warehouse for the Grange company when a rafter weighing 1000 pounds fell on his back and head from a height of fifteen feet. He received a severe scalp wound, his ribs were torn from his vertebrae and one rib penetrated the lung. His physician gives hopes that Ellis may recover. The injury was caused by a rope used in lifting the rafter breaking when it was near the roof of the warehouse.

BARONESS VON TURKHEIM.

She is in Detroit Waiting for Her Husband.

DETROIT, April 16.—It has been learned that Baroness Von Turkheim, or Jeannine Young of San Francisco, is in Detroit awaiting the arrival of the alleged Baron to whom she was recently married in San Francisco. She refused to believe that her husband is not what he claims to be, or that he is a factor in a scheme to get her out of the country for reasons alleged to be best known to Attorney D. M. Delmas. With Mrs. Von Turkheim are her 5-year-old son and O. J. Stillwell, a detective. They say that they expect the Baron here shortly.

FIGHTING THE WATERS

SUPREME TEST IN THE FLOOD SITUATION AT HAND.

River Steadily Rising Below Vicksburg—Wholesale Loss of Life Rumored.

MEMPHIS, Tenn., April 16.—Advices from Natchez and other points below Vicksburg indicate that the supreme test in the flood situation is at hand. The swift current, which is rising steadily, is beating against the levees with such force as to cause the gravest apprehension at many places. At Natchez the river is near the top of the levee and everything possible is being done to fight back the encroaching waters.

All kinds of rumors have been current today regarding wholesale loss of life on Davis island, but diligent inquiry fails to confirm the story. It is known that three negroes were drowned on the island, but outside of these fatalities no further loss of life is known to have occurred.

At Vicksburg the river is rising at the rate of four tenths of a foot a day. The swift volume of water pouring out of the Yazoo into the Mississippi river at a point 12 miles north of Vicksburg will continue for several days. The levee between Bedford's store, four miles south of Delta, La., to Duckport, seven miles above, is in a precarious condition tonight and every man and boy available is at work strengthening the embankment. At some points in this stretch of levee the water is washing over and the greatest alarm is felt.

A more cheerful feeling exists in the delta tonight. At Greenville the backwater from Stoer's Landing, which has been rising in the flooded part of the town for the last three days, is stationary and will begin to fall tomorrow.

JOHNSON LOSES.

Verdict for the "Expositor" in the Libel Suit.

LOS ANGELES, April 16.—The libel suit of Evangelist Johnson against the Fresno *Expositor* was concluded today, the jury returning a verdict for the defendant after deliberating two hours.

Shot by His Divorced Wife.

STOCKTON, April 16.—Al Viertong a mining man and well-known prospector of Tuolumne and Calaveras counties, was shot in the leg this afternoon by his divorced wife at a wayside resort on the Mariposa road, two miles from this city. He is not badly hurt, the bullet having passed through the calf of his leg. He bled a lot and came into town for medical treatment. The story told by the officers is that Viertong went to the place, which was purchased with part of the money they got out of the first payment on a sale of mining property, and demanded admittance. The woman refused to let him in and finally he kicked in the door and somebody shot him, presumably the woman. He will not make a complaint and no arrest has been made.

Safe Crackers Landed.

SANTA ANA, April 16.—Sheriff Nichols has landed two men in the county jail here charged with cracking the safe in the postoffice at Tustin on the night of April 2d, when they secured about two hundred dollars cash and stamps. One man is Fred Keller and the other is Ed Wheeler, a young man about 21 years of age, believed to be a professional safe breaker from Chicago. Both men are believed to have been implicated in Santa Monica, Whittier and other safe robberies that have occurred in southern California recently.

Cabinet Meeting.

WASHINGTON, April 16.—The cabinet meeting lasted an hour and a half today but was devoted entirely to the consideration of routine business. Judge William R. Day of Ohio, who is to go to Cuba on a special mission in connection with the Ruiz case, is expected here tomorrow. After an examination of the precedents and papers at the state department bearing on the case, he will leave for Havana about May 1st.

Fire at Navarro.

UKIAH, April 16.—News has been received here of the complete destruction by fire of Harris Taylor's store at Navarro. Estimated loss $20,000; insurance $8000.

Mt. Shasta Kidney and Liver Cure cures female complaints and all nervous affections. Sold by all druggists and well recommended.

OUR COURSE IS PLAIN

Diplomats Discuss the Crisis in the East.

SHERMAN IS NOT SURPRISED

May be the First Step Toward a Conflict Involving All Europe.

WASHINGTON, April 17.—The news of the crisis in the Cretan situation was the absorbing topic in official circles here tonight. The bulletins to the Associated Press were taken to the White House and to members of the cabinet, leading diplomatic representatives and the chairman of the foreign affairs committees in congress, so that those most interested in the event received early information of the gravity which the situation has assumed. The expressions were general that the United States could not be drawn into the conflict, and that the course of this country was plain in preserving strict neutrality.

It was felt on all hands among officials that the real gravity of the announcement was in the prospect that it would serve as the spark to start the conflagration through all Europe. Secretary Sherman was seen at his residence tonight, and shown the bulletins.

"It is no surprise to me," said the secretary of state, "as recent events have seemed to make war inevitable, and I have expected that result to come. Fortunately the scene of the reported conflict is far from us, and the United States has little or no concern with the war. We will, of course, observe the strictest neutrality as between parties.

"This is a natural result from the conditions prevailing and will require no specific declaration of neutrality. Our commercial interests with Greece and Turkey are very small, so that there is no ground for disturbance in that connection. Last year our exports to Greece amounted to only $629,727, an insignificant sum, barely 1 per cent as compared with the total exports. Turkey exported to the United States $2,619,000 last year, showing a similar lack of important commercial dealings between the United States and Turkey. That being the case, our commercial, geographical and political isolation from those countries is quite free from any possible entanglement in the contest."

Mr. Sherman's attention was called to reports some time since that the United States warship Bancroft might be guardship to the United States minister, Mr. Terrill, at Constantinople, and the secretary was asked if the war was likely to renew the occasion for a warship in the Golden Horn.

"There has been no talk of that of late," said he, "and I see no occasion for any change in affairs."

Senator Davis, chairman of the senate committee on foreign relations, read the bulletins with great interest, and in response to a request for a statement said: "The attitude of the United States will, of course, be one of neutrality and of strict observance of treaties. The war can have little direct effect upon us, as our interests are so small in that part of the world. But it is of profound importance to Europe, and I fear it is but the first step toward a conflict involving all Europe. It is almost certain to result unless a quick and decisive victory is achieved by one side or the other."

Mr. Davis was asked if Greece had the material resources to carry on an energetic war. He said: "The strength of Greece is much greater than is thought. They have 1,600,000 people and this would probably include a fighting force of about 100,000 men, but the Greek population is very extensive outside of Greece, and it is made up of a devoted, loyal and enthusiastic people. It extends all through Asia Minor and into Turkey. There are the Greek colonies in Europe, as well as the former Turkish countries of Montenegro and Servia, which have been very restless and threatening of late."

The Turkish minister, Monastapha Bey, received the representative of the Associated Press at the Turkish legation tonight and read with great interest dispatches from Constantinople. Up to that time, midnight, the minister had no official dispatches, but he was emphatic in stating that Turkey is exhausting every possible means of averting war.

Representative Hitt, chairman of the house committee on foreign affairs during the last congress, read the early dispatches from Constantinople and then commented briefly on the situation.

"In the event of war," said he, "the duty of the United States would be plain to maintain neutrality and to see that her treaty obligations are maintained. The sympathy of our people would be with Greece in this struggle. Compared with Turkey, she is weak in military resources, but the Greeks are strong beyond their border and there is a large Greek population within Turkey.

"Our people while sympathizing with the disparagement of strength of Greece, can only hope that the cause will appeal to the strong powers of Europe, and that France and Great Britain will come to her rescue.

"In the event of war one of the results would be to increase the demand for our export products. Another effect, doubtless, will be to create a stringency in the European money markets, with a tightening of American securities."

LONDON LETTER.

AGENTS EXPORTING SUPPLIES FOR GREEK IRREGULARS.

Frontier News and Transvaal Affairs the All Important Subjects for Discussion.

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LONDON, April 17.—Easter being the great festival of the Greek church, it was hoped that actual hostilities, since the reported failure of the raid of the insurgents into Macedonia, would be postponed until next week, especially as the concert of the powers, having failed in everything else, succeeded beyond all hopes of holding back Turkey from plunging into war, while proving to Greece that Turkey is still able to mobilize an enormous and efficient army. Whether this is a good omen for Europe and for civilization, it has certainly had the effect of making Greece hesitate, but trade is at a standstill in both countries, and the people are already suffering. Greece is spending about $100,000 daily in the support of her army and Turkey is probably spending three times that amount. It is impossible for this state of things to continue much longer and the news received today from Narores of fighting, apparently between the regular troops of Greece and Turkey, appears to indicate that a crisis has finally been reached.

Many of the cabinet ministers, both of Great Britain and the various powers of continental Europe, are spending the Easter holidays away from the capitols, and there is much comment here at the absence from London of the parliamentary secretary for the foreign office, Geo. H. Curzon, who is said to be suffering from insomnia induced by hard work. But all the important business is being transacted through the Marquis of Salisbury and the permanent officials of the British foreign office.

The frontier dispatches during the past week have reported mysterious movements of both Turkish and Greek troops, cavalry scouting, etc., and the Greek fleet of the island of Skiathos has been ordered to be in instant readiness to start for Salonica, the base of supplies of the Turkish army, immediately after the declaration of war.

Since the arrival of the Greek commander in chief, the Crown Prince Constantine, on the frontier, Greek emissaries have scoured Macedonia in an endeavor to foment a rising of the inhabitants against Turkish rule, but it is reported these agents have been rather disappointed and that the national league has refused to move again without an absolute promise that its forces will be supported by those of the regular army.

It is understood that the agents in London of the national league have been active for a long time past in exporting arms, ammunition and canned foods to Greece for the use of the irregular forces.

A dispatch from Sebastopol says that four large steamers there have been converted into armed cruisers, and they will be sent to join the fleet in the Dardanelles. Large quantities of French shells and cartridges arrive by every steamer reaching the Bosphorus from Marseilles. Among the Greek volunteers arriving from all parts of the world eight yesterday arrived at Kalabaka from New York, Rochester and Chicago. They joined a force of irregulars.

The Roman Catholics of Greece and Crete are trying, through their priests, to induce the Pope to intervene between Turkey and Greece, seeing that the powers have failed, in order to prevent war. But it is said his holiness is not inclined to interfere.

The Princess of Wales, from Copenhagen, is making arrangements to have nurses sent from London to the frontier of Greece.

Sir Alfred Milner, the newly appointed high commissioner for South Africa, started for his post today, hastening his departure by a fortnight, owing to the gravity of the situation. It is rumored that President Krueger has intimated his intention to grant the franchise to the Uitlanders after four years' residence in the Transvaal, and to grant them partial franchise at the expiration of two years' residence.

The *National Observer* demands that the government tell the country plainly whether it possesses, as it seems to hint, proofs of German designs and aggression in South Africa.

The *Saturday Review* thinks the government is ill advised to try to bluff or force President Krueger, adding that it would be better to approach him amicably.

The *Spectator* implores the secretary of state for the colonies, Mr. Chamberlain, not to be led into war with the Transvaal.

FIGHTING IN MACEDONIA

BETWEEN GREEK IRREGULARS AND TURKS.

Believed the Irregulars Were Organized With the Knowledge of Greece.

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LARISSA, Headquarters Greek Army, Thessaly, April 16.—Severe fighting occurred in Macedonia between Greek irregulars and Turkish forces. Columns of the irregulars sent to the right from Pitgavitze, after having invested and captured Sitovno, continued its advance toward Kritudes, Pliela and Kourdui with orders to hold Kourdui at all costs as it commands the right approach to Grovena, the objective point. This column, commanded by Chiefs Zermos and Luzzo attacked Kritudes Tuesday. The place was defended by two companies of Turks. After a severe fight, during which eighty Turks were killed and twenty-five taken prisoners, the position was captured by the Greeks, who also obtained possession of 150 rifles and a large number of cartridges.

The insurgents, however, have suffered a severe check in another direction. A strong force of Turkish troops from Mnco, Mecovon, with a number of mountain guns advanced on Krania, which had previously been captured by the Greeks, and attacked 400 irregulars of Greece who occupied an entrenched position.

It is reported that the fighting was ferocious on both sides. The insurgents were eventually compelled to retreat north to the mountains. Some, however, succeeded in breaking through the Turkish lines and escaped to Baltino, just across the frontier, in Macedonia, which was first captured by the Greek irregulars and used by them as a depot for provisions and amunition.

ELASSONA, headquarters of the Turkish army in Macedonia, Thursday evening, April 15.—(delayed in transmission).—The representative of the Associated Press at the Turkish headquarters has just seen a prisoner who was captured by the Turks during the fighting which has taken place at Krania with the Greek irregulars. The man was dirty, worn tattered clothes and had on his head a helmet upon which was the badge of the Ethnika Hetairia, the national league of Greece. He declared that he belonged to a band of irregulars which left Trikhala, after receiving an ovation from the inhabitants of that place, under the command of a captain and two lieutenants of the Greek regular army and accompanied by a medical officer, who was wounded.

This expedition, the prisoner added, was organized to invade Turkey, not to harm the villagers, and to fight the Turkish troops only.

After these statements it is difficult to deny that the Greek irregulars were organized with the knowledge of the Greek authorities. This confirms the inquiries made on this subject by Secretary Foulah Bey, an officer of the staff of Edham Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, formerly an attache of the Turkish legation at Athens, and consequently familiar with the personal appearance of the Greek officers, some of whom he recognized among the Greek insurgents.

The whole matter seems to form the basis for a grave accusation against Greek good faith.

San Francisco Races.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—Weather fine at Ingleside; track fair:

Seven furlongs — Manchester won, Bluebell 2, Lady Diamond 3. Time, 1.28¾.

Six furlongs—Tim Murphy won, Perhaps 2, Mollie R. 3. Time, 1.15¾.

Five furlongs—Michael won, Rosermonde 2, Font de Boeuf 3. Time, 1.01¾.

Mile and a sixteenth—The Bachelor won, San Marco 2, Rey del Tierra 3. Time, 1.50.

Six furlongs—Caliente won, Marjorie 2, Refugee 3. Time, 1.15¾.

One mile—Bernardillo won, Lone Star 2, Good Times 3. Time, 1.43½.

Hunter Will Withdraw.

FRANKFORT, Ky., April 19.—It was given out at the Hunter headquarters this morning, apparently by authority, but not by Dr. Hunter himself, that he would withdraw after the ballot tomorrow and that Senator Jones, chairman of the Republican caucus, would call a new caucus for either tomorrow night or Wednesday morning. The nominee of the new caucus will, of course, be dictated by Hunter. This lets out all thought of Col. St. John Boyle, for whom the bolting Republicans have been voting.

THE GREEKS DEFEATED

Turks Gain Possession of Milouna Pass.

HILLSIDES STREWN WITH DEAD.

King George's Troops Victorious at Reveni—Grecian Steamer Sunk.

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ELASSONA, Headquarters of the Turkish army in Macedonia, April 18.—9 p. m., (delayed in transmission).—After a most fatiguing day with the headquarters' staff in the Milouna pass the correspondent of the Associated Press has returned here. The battle, resulting in giving the Turks possession of Milouna pass, was waged with admirable courage and determination on both sides. The whole pass rang with the roar of artillery and the rattle of musketry. It was, however, around the two Greek blockhouses that the most furious conflict occurred. They were defended with the utmost valor and tenacity. The correspondent was greatly struck with the coolness and discipline of the Turks. In the midst of the hottest firing four Turkish soldiers, advancing in skirmishing order under a deadly fire, became detached from the main body. Nevertheless they continued to advance with perfect self possession amid a hail of bullets. One of the men was hit and fell, then the second man was shot and the third received a bullet wound, but the fourth man calmly continued firing without regard for his personal safety, until the Greeks retired.

The most important Greek blockhouse near Kritchoy was strongly fortified and defended by earthworks. The Turks mostly attacked in skirmishing order, firing independently. They seldom fired volleys.

The scene while the engagement was at its height was exceedingly picturesque. Edhem Pasha, surrounded by a brilliant staff, was the center of a striking group with the constantly going and coming of orderlies carrying reports, instructions, etc.

The ambulance corps was busy in every direction, bringing in the wounded, whose faces were black with powder and covered with blood.

Edhem Pasha gravely followed every phase of the fighting through a field glass, giving orders and receiving reports with imperturbable indifference.

It was noticed that many of the reports were scribbled on scraps of paper stained with blood. The officers and men alike were black with the dust of battle and had not slept, shaved or washed for two days and nights. Riza Pasha, commanding the Turkish artillery, is a man of magnificent presence. He exhibited masterly skill in placing his batteries and in directing their fire. It is believed that tomorrow's fighting must be decisive. Several additional batteries of artillery and battalions of infantry have arrived to take part in the great combat of tomorrow (Monday). The hill slopes on the northern side of the pass are strewn with Greek dead, mostly Evzones, splendid men. The faces of many of the dead are as calm as though asleep.

April 19.—(Evening)—The Turkish forces continue to hold the Milouna Pass, though it is reported that the Greeks are advancing or making ready to advance to recover the positions from which they were dislodged on Sunday. The two block houses have been strongly fortified and it would take a powerful body of Greek troops to recapture them. Edhem Pasha has entrenched himself on all the heights from Papalyvada to Meekcho and strong bodies of troops are stationed in the defiles between these two points. The inhabitants of Elassona have left the town en masse and are pushing northward, many of them going to Salonica. Evidently they fear that the Greeks will defeat the Turks and actually reach this place. Edhem Pasha, the Turkish commander-in-chief, is a marvel of energy and caution. He attends assiduously to his duties more than any member of his staff, receiving reports while on horseback and attends to trifling details with as much care as to important movements. His manner is grave and imperturbable. It is curious to note how implicitly he is looked upon by his troops.

LARISSA, April 19.—5 p.m.—The Greeks have defeated the Turks at Reveni, the two Greek brigades have entered Turkish territory in different directions and penetrated to Damasi, northeast of Zarkos. Another division is trying to flank the Turks who are retreating in disorder.

Heavy fighting is in progress at Grielzovali. It has been going on since noon. The Greeks are trying to recapture the place.

SALONICA, April 19.—A Turkish torpedo boat has sunk the Greek steamer Athens in the gulf of Salonica. On board were insurgents and members of various secret societies. A general panic prevails here. All the vessels are prohibited from leaving the gulf. The Turks have seized the Greek steamer Koplaninn.

CONSTANTINOPLE, April 19.—The Imperial Ottoman bank has offered the government to establish at Elassona and maintain at its own expense a hospital for the wounded.

ST. PETERSBURG, April 19.—Referring to the formation of an alliance between Bulgaria, Servia and Montenegro, it is semi-officially pointed out to-day that the league being formed is not only for the protection of the governments named against Turkey and Austria, but against pan-Hellenic aspirations in the Balkan peninsula. Therefore, it is added, Greece is unable to count upon any support in the present conflict from the countries indicated, and moreover, their respective ministers have positively assured Russia that their government will maintain strict neutrality.

GREEK MINISTER'S REPLY.

Responsibility Can in no Way Rest With Greece.

ATHENS, April 19.—M. Skouzes, the Greek minister of foreign affairs, has sent a reply to the note which Assim Bey, the retiring Turkish minister, handed to him, announcing that "in consequence of the aggressive attitude of Greece, diplomatic relations between the king of the Hellenes, the sultan of Turkey and their respective governments were broken off."

M. Skouzes, in his answer, says: "In wishing to make Greece responsible for the rupture of the diplomatic relations the imperial government appears to lose sight of the fact that Greece, far from proceeding to acts of hostility against Turkey, has had to suffer during the last few days from repeated acts of aggressiveness on the part of the Turkish army at several points on the frontier. Owing to the conflict at the Prophet Elias on March 28th the royal government drew the attention of the imperial government to the attitude of the Turkish troops, but instead of yielding to the spirit of moderation dictating the step, the imperial government appeared disposed to precipitate events.

"Thus, on Friday, the Turkish army, without provocation, attempted to obtain possession of Analipsis, which was mutually agreed to be neutral territory. It was allowing to the persistence of the Greeks that this attempt to violate neutral territory failed. The royal government cannot pass in silence this act, before it was officially notified of the rupture of diplomatic relations, and while the King's minister at Constantinople was only notified at an advanced hour of the flight, the forts of Pravosa opened fire at 5 o'clock in the morning on the Hellenic position at Actium and sunk the Greek steamer Macedonia.

"In face of these facts, showing there is little foundation for the assertion of the sublime porte, to the effect that Greece committed acts of hostility, the responsibility for the consequences can in no way rest with the King's government."

THE FAIR WILL.

The Only Remaining Issue Now On Trial.

SAN FRANCISCO, April 19.—The trial of the only remaining issue in the Fair case was begun today. Instead of a contest over the whole estate and a struggle for $20,000,000 dollars,

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UNPROFITABLE DELIBERATION

Legislative deliberation is, generally speaking, better than hasty action by law making bodies, but there is at least one important reason for regretting the amount of time which will apparently be consumed by the United States senate in passing upon the new tariff bill. Every day of unnecessary delay, of interminable debate and technical obstruction, leaves the custom houses open for the importation of foreign goods under the old tariff rates, and postpones the time when the product of American mills and factories will be required to take the place of foreign products.

This delay means that when the new tariff bill becomes a law that a large amount of foreign goods will have been forced into the market in anticipation of that event. To the extent which this is true will the benefits of the new tariff fail of realization until such time as the surplus of importations has been consumed. This phase of the situation, considered in connection with the fact that the present revenues are constantly increasing the treasury deficit, and that relief in this particular will also be delayed, makes it difficult to view the deliberate movement of the senate with the patience that might be felt under different circumstances.

Partisan wrangling and the threshing over of the straw of hoary argument is extremely unprofitable business for congress at a time when prompt action is so imperatively demanded.

There is a dead pugilist in San Jose, who was killed in a contest before the San Jose Athletic Club on Wednesday night. The dispatches state that the fatality has created great excitement in that city, and will result in the collapse of the club. Possibly this result will follow, but there is no good reason why it should. The occasional death which results from prize fighting is not its most objectionable feature. The associations and the tendencies of the prize ring are essentially degrading, and the organizations which promote them are agencies for moral degeneration. An occasional fatality need not disturb the serenity of the promoters of pugilism.

It is to be hoped that Marshal Woy will see that the law against gambling is strictly enforced during the coming spring race meeting. There is no more reason why men should be permitted to gamble during race week than they should be allowed to commit robbery or murder. It is reported that several "sure-thing" men have already arrived in town with the view of victimizing the foolish, and if this be the case the city marshal will do well to give them his attention. If these hangers-on of the turf could be done away with horse racing would become more popular with the better class of people.

A sort of Coxey army, 250 strong, arrived in Stockton Wednesday from San Francisco, whence they were shipped by parties whose identity they refused to disclose. The men claimed that they had been for several months without work in the metropolis and were trying to reach the eastern states. The city which aids these organized bands to march through the country and secure a living by reason of the apprehension which their numbers create, is sowing dragon's teeth and will not be able to avoid responsibility when the harvest is reaped.

The war correspondents are rather sparing in their praise of the Greeks, but "lay it on thick" when it comes to commending the valor of the Turks. It is strange, by the way, how little news of the war has come from Greek sources. The majority of the correspondents appear to be with the Turks, in person as well as in sympathy. It must be true that the Turks are good entertainers and that war correspondents, like many other men not quite so great, are susceptible to bribery through the stomach.

Stockton has a city election of unusually thrilling interest on the tapis, and the results are already made manifest by reports that alligators are seen in the sloughs, that live stock is disappearing in a mysterious manner, and that eggs of the fierce amphibians are found alongshore when the signs are favorable. The Republican is ready to bet its good money that sea serpents will be walking on their hind legs through the principal streets of that town inside of ten days.

A Stockton man has been arrested in Woodland for leaving his family in want and eloping with his brother's wife. This is a case for which the law affords no adequate punishment, but it might be possible to contribute a little on the side in the interests of justice. There are probably enough tar and feathers in that locality to meet the requirements of the case.

Charles Dudley Warner has returned from Mexico and is greatly impressed with the ability and genius for government of President Diaz. Mr. Warner in this is in accord with other distinguished visitors in the southern republic. Mexico undoubtedly owes much of its prosperity and advancement to the wisdom of its chief executive.

The report that a big discovery of natural gas has been made in the suburbs of Chicago is generally believed to be merely a sensational feature of late municipal election aftermath. One of the sewers probably became clogged with a second-hand campaign speech.

People with a penchant for snakes and a rattling good time will be interested in knowing that one of the attractions of the Los Angeles fiesta will be an exhibit of 100 hot-tempered rattlesnakes, fresh from the desert.

Millionaire Bradbury has been fined $5 for spitting on the floor of a street car in San Francisco. Now, if Bradbury had only been a lawyer—but what's the use of harping on what might have been.

BANKER VALENTINE'S REMARKS.

Mr. J. J. Valentine of Wells, Fargo & Company's bank delivered the principal address before the bankers' convention assembled at Los Angeles, on Tuesday. According to the brief synopsis at hand the address was devoted chiefly to an attack upon international bimetallism and a demand upon congress that the monetary system of this government be promptly reformed upon the lines advocated by Grover Cleveland, viz: affirm the payment of all obligations upon the basis of the gold standard, retire the greenbacks and authorize the banks to issue circulating notes to keep up the necessary volume of money. But Mr. Valentine may be permitted to state his position in his own words:

"If congress would go to work and reconstruct on scientific principles our monetary agglomeration—for I repeat, it cannot be called a system—definitely affirm the payment of all obligations on the basis of the gold standard, retire the greenbacks, and let banks, under proper restrictions and safeguards, issue circulating notes, such action would go a long way toward renewed industrial and commercial activity. If the present administration and congress do not act courageously, intelligently and definitely—but permit things to drift—the fiatists will not be slow to take advantage of the situation. Congress and the administration cannot escape responsibility.

"They may as well prepare, and promptly prepare, to meet 'the wild and many weaponed throng' of silver inflationists who are marching behind the tattered stalking horse of international bimetallism."

Banker Valentine may be an excellent special pleader for the class which believes that the government should transfer to it control of the country's finances, but his views regarding the moral obligations of a political party to carry out the pledges upon which it received the votes of the people are remarkable, not to say astounding. The Republican party is in power in this government upon a distinct and positive pledge to promote a financial theory which Mr. Valentine demands that it shall repudiate in toto. Not only that, but demands that it shall adopt a policy which it has never advocated, and which any honest man must admit that the voters of this country would repudiate by a large majority if submitted to them.

Political parties may as a rule wear their obligations lightly; their campaign promises may at times be set aside for expediency's sake, but this paper desires to affirm its faith in the integrity of the Republican party to the extent at least of believing that it has more honor than the distinguished gentleman credits it with when he asks it to violate a solemn pledge, than which there was none more binding in the platform of principles upon which it was elevated to power. It would be interesting to know if Mr. Valentine would place as high an estimate on the integrity of the bankers if the money problem were left in their hands as he does upon that of a political party which gives its pledge for a certain line of action to the voters of the country.

As to the opinion of this financier, who demands repudiation of party pledges, that unless his financial policy is promptly adopted the "fiatists" will not be slow in taking advantage of the situation, it may be very confidently predicted, in the event of Mr. Valentine's program being carried out, that less than four years would elapse before the "fiatists" would have their opportunity, with the chances about 25 to 1 that they would sweep everything before them.

The people of this country have frequently demonstrated that they do not tamely submit to betrayal; that they do not tolerate political traitors and pledge-breakers. Had the Republican party gone before the people upon the platform outlined by Banker Valentine it would have gone down in inglorious defeat; if it should repudiate its pledge to promote international bimetallism and substitute therefor the financial theory of Grover Cleveland, it would go out of power just as certainly and as quickly as the people could get to the polls to attend to the matter. If the "fiatists" and their foibles are the things most to be dreaded at this juncture, the danger is certainly not to be avoided by repudiating pledges and defying public sentiment. Such a course would but serve to precipitate the danger, which can only be avoided by an honorable adherence to the reasonable and conservative course marked out in the platform of the Republican party.

Bankers like Mr. Valentine may sneer at international bimetallism, but the fact remains that it has for its advocates many statesmen who know more about the science of money than the Wells-Fargo banker could hope to learn in a thousand years, and has for its substantial support in this country a large proportion of the thinking and conservative element of the people who do the voting. When Mr. Valentine or any class which he may represent undertakes to insolently catalogue those who believe in international bimetallism as a coterie of wild-eyed "fiatists," he is getting upon dangerous ground. Even the conservative people of this country are not fond of insolence, and when it is used to back up a demand for a special privilege to perform a plain function of the government itself, he may be sure that it will be resented.

The Republican party cannot do better for itself and for the country than by ignoring the advice of men who counsel it to acts of dishonor.

The temperance people of an Ohio town have solved the saloon problem. The proprietor of the only saloon in the place was recently converted at a religious revival, when his stock and fixtures were bought and burned with appropriate ceremonies. The Prohibitionists are now booming him for mayor. That town is likely to become widely known as the place where it pays to reform.

The Visalia *Times* has gathered statistics which show that Tulare county has 7000 acres of deciduous fruit trees. As fruit growing for other than local consumption only dates back about six years the showing is a very good one. Prunes, peaches and pears are the principal varieties.

Most nations fight only for themselves, but Greece sets an example in unselfishness by fighting for her oppressed neighbors.

THE EASTERN WAR.

There is no doubt that the war between Greece and Turkey which has just begun, is, on the part of the Greeks, an instance of that overwhelming national sentiment, which, once aroused, will brook no interference either from courts or powers or the dictates of selfish prudence. The great majority of the Cretans are Hellenes. They are allied to the Greeks in race, language and by every natural affiliation. Crete is a Turkish dependency only by the unrighteous fiat of the great European nations. The condition of the Cretans became intolerable. There was every indication that the shameful slaughter of the Armenians was to be continued on the island. Then the ties of blood asserted themselves; the inhabitants of Greece grievously felt the wrong that was being done to their kindred, and that national sentiment which, as we have said, brooks no interference, was aroused.

And so the combatants stand facing each other or are already engaged in a struggle to the death. Unequally matched they seem, but it was the stripling David who slew the mighty Goliath, and in this combat, too, the hope, outside of courts, will be well-nigh universal that the stripling may win. Nor is such a thing impossible, for "thrice is he armed who hath his quarrel just," and both justice and the intense earnestness of a life or death struggle are with the Hellenes.

But if the Greeks lose, what then? King George probably will, though he should not, lose the throne, and the heroic dead will not come back. But, so far as the Greek nation is concerned, it will probably lose little except its present king. Turkey will gain nothing by the struggle, for she now has every acre of land in Europe which the powers will permit her to hold. In saying this, it is not necessary to have any faith in the justice or righteousness of the powers—that they have taught us not to hold—but their policy will not tolerate further encroachment by the Turks.

And so, after all, rash as the war seems on the part of the Greeks, there may be high wisdom in it for them. They possibly may gain Crete, which is theirs by every natural right, and exemption from Turkish barbarity; the Turks have nothing to gain and all to lose. The hope of the great masses of the civilized peoples will be with the Greeks in every battle of the war. That they may win all that they could hope or expect will be the almost universal wish.

Judge Carroll of San Francisco dismissed the ear-eating charge against W. D. Grady on the ground that "no evidence had been introduced that Mr. Grady was an aggressive man, or that he had been in trouble at any time during his career." As a matter of course there was no evidence of that sort. How, indeed, could there have been in the case of a man who would go miles out of his way to avoid trouble of any kind? In view of this well known fact, the very surprising feature of the decision of the San Francisco judge is that he did not impose a heavy fine on the vicious outlaw of a waiter who evidently followed the meek, inoffensive lawyer around until he (the waiter) became so enraged at his inability to get a quarrel out of him (the lawyer) that he turned upon himself and bit his own ear off. Judge Carroll seems to be allright in his statement of facts, but he lacked the nerve to act upon them as they demanded. He ought to have made an example of that brutal waiter. What right has a waiter to be flaunting his ears in the face of a peaceful citizen and reputable lawyer, anyway?

The Sacramento *Bee* announces that it will not hereafter waste its space in printing complimentary notices of contemporaries who have performed no more notable feat than to "enter upon another year of existence." It is not increasing age, but that which they accomplish that entitles newspapers and individuals to public recognition. The *Bee* is right in discarding a custom that has no merit in it, a fact which the Republican long since recognized on its own account by omitting the usual announcements of its anniversaries. Almost any newspaper can grow old, but so far as the Republican is concerned, if it does not grow wiser and better with its succeeding years it does not desire "favorable mention" on the part of its esteemed contemporaries. The Republican desires credit only for what it does that is creditable. Mere existence is not worthy of note.

It is perfectly natural that the English press should object to the "flunkeyism" of the rich Americans who bought up all the best places along the line of the Queen's procession, but we may be pardoned in remembering that if seats for the show were not for sale they would not be bought. It requires the English commercial spirit as well as American flunkeyism to make a thoroughly disgusting combination.

The Bakersfield *Echo* wants that town quarantined against roving bands of sheep and Fresno baseball players. The metropolis at the lower end of the valley may present irresistible attractions for sheepherders and their flocks, but the sentiment expressed in baseball circles justifies the opinion that no special ordinances are needed to keep Fresno ball players off the grass in that locality.

Interest in the pure food congress to convene in San Francisco on the 30th instant is increasing. Both consumers and producers are beginning to realize the importance of the work which the congress will undertake to promote. Food adulteration is a great and growing evil, and the opposition to it cannot be carried forward too vigorously.

It is now predicted that Governor Budd will commute the death sentence of Durrant to life imprisonment. The prediction may go for what it is worth, which is nothing, for the man has not been born who can safely forecast what Governor Budd will do in this or any other case.

The modest claim of the mugwump journals that the gold Democrats elected McKinley is sufficiently answered by the election returns which show the total vote of that party to have been 133,000, while McKinley's majority was about 600,000.

Now that competition has resulted in materially reducing the cost of a trip to Yosemite Valley, many people will take advantage of the opportunity to visit that marvel of Nature's handiwork who have hitherto not felt able to meet the expense of the trip. The influx of visitors to the valley will doubtless be largely increased.

The announcement that Secretary Alger has decided to advertise for bids for the improvement of San Pedro harbor will be received with favor in California, and especially in the territory tributary to that port. There appears to be no valid reason why the action of congress in this matter should not be promptly carried out.

Corbett has made his first public appearance in New York as the ex-champion, and announced that he would force Fitzsimmons to fight him again. Friends of the California scrapper will be pleased to observe that he was uninjured in his vital part in the Carson episode. His jaw still works.

Peaches, grapes and early vegetables are reported to be very seriously damaged by recent frosts in the southeastern states. It is believed that most of the fruit is killed. It is now rather late for a similar disaster to befall California fruit, and the outlook is for a very good yield and fair prices.

John P. Altgeld is not saying much about politics at present, his time being occupied in explaining his connection with the outrageous theft of public funds by the insolvent Globe Savings bank of Chicago. The charges laid at the door of the late governor are of the most serious nature.

In addition to the war clouds in Europe rain clouds are now needed in California to fill all the bright anticipations of the wheat growers. Prices are advancing again, and all that is needed now is the usual spring showers to assure a prosperous year for the farmer.

John L. Sullivan's defiance of Fitzsimmons is more heroic even than Greece's "defi" of Turkey, yet a cruel and half civilized world refuses to take its eyes off the Hellenes to bestow even one admiring glance upon the Pride of Boston.

RANDOM REMARKS.

Some of us may not be able to attend the Los Angeles fiesta, but there is not a thing to prevent us from wishing that we were there and turning our investigations loose in an attempt, perhaps vain, to picture the rare beauty of it all.

"How much are these strawberries?"
"Forty cents a box, and they are cheap at the price."
"Well, I don't know. They might be if they were new-mown-hayberries, but, seeing as they are just common, ordinary strawberries, I guess I'll wait until they take a tumble to themselves."

WHERE THE CONTINUANCE RACKET FAILS.

The disembodied soul stood for judgment before the final Judge, but it was not tremulous.

"You have bitten off ears in barroom brawls and done other disgraceful things," the Voice said, "why do you not tremble?"

"This is not my day for trembling."

"But it is your day for final judgment."

"I know that it is so alleged in the complaint, but I move for a continuance."

"On what ground?"

"I have not seen the witnesses yet, and –"

"Well, no continuances, are granted up here."

"Hey?"

"No continuances are granted up here."

"Why, I got nineteen continuances in one case down below, and I could have got more if they hadn't run out of continuance blanks. I was as guilty as Judas, too, and they acquit—"

"Take this soul out," said the Voice, "first fumigate it and then send it down where it belongs."

"I move for a contin—"

But they dragged it out.

After the soul was gone, said the little, white cherub to the new saint who had just arrived from earth:

"Do you know that fellow?"
"Yes."
"Who is it?"
"Grady."

And then the choir began to sing.

Over five columns of the title page of Monday's San Francisco *Examiner* ran the caption in great letters, "Christ Forgotten While Mars His Way Pursues." Beneath it is the account of the opening events in the Graeco-Turkish war. The caption in itself is striking, but it is particularly so because in fewest words it lays bare the hideous truth. Here, indeed, is a war wherein Christ is forgotten, at least on the one side. If it were not so do you suppose for one moment that Greece would stand alone in making her appeal to the god of battles? If Christ were not forgotten do you believe that the great powers would drag their heralded Christianity in the dust for that thing of the mire and filth known as international policy? If Christ were remembered do you think that the powers would have done what they dared to uphold the hands of the unspeakable Mahomedan in his work of rapine and murder? If the teaching of the Nazarene were not forgotten!—do you suppose that that cry of agony would vainly have gone forth from the fair island of Crete? The *Examiner* is very right; Christ is forgotten by the "Christian" nations while Mars his way pursues. But such forgetfulness works to its own undoing; not today perhaps, but in the certain though far off result they who thus forget shall reap as they have sowed.

A.J.W.

AN OLD MAN'S DARLING.

Her form is like Diana's,
Her features are divine,
And we were lovers once, but oh,
I cannot call her mine!

Yes, once I held her in my arms,
Perhaps she loves me yet!
For oft there is upon her face
A look I cannot forget.

But she's an old man's darling
And he's her willing slave,
So now she flirts and spends the cash
His first wife helped to save.

—Thomas H. Leonard.

Ontario, April 19, 1897.

BORN.

WILLIAMS—In this city, April 21, 1897, to the wife of E. A. Williams, a son.

SPENCER—In this city, April 11, 1897, to the wife of W. J. Spencer, a son.

BRENNAN—In Fresno, April 20, 1897, to the wife of Joseph Brennan, a daughter.

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

First Baptist church of Fresno to I. S. Eshelman, sw 100 feet of lots 17, 18 and 19 in blk 56 of the city of Fresno; $1.

H S Patterson et ux to W S Patterson, undivided ½ interest in and to n½ of ne¼ of sec 26, t 14, r 20; $1200.

United States to Francisco T Martin, sw¼ of sec 20, t 11, r 22; patent.

Michael O'Connor et ux to People's Savings Bank of Fresno, lots 31 and 32 in blk 45 of the town of Fowler; $ 200.

Mabel H DeWitt to Seymour May, e 1-6 of lots 27 to 32 in blk 33 to the town of Clovis; $10.

Wm R Atchley to John H Byrd, se¼ of sw¼ of sec 10, t 14, r 23; $10.

Silas E Lemon et ux to Wm J Laymance, w½ of se¼ of se¼ of sec 36, t 13, r 21; $10.

John S Johnson et ux to Annie Glud, lots 6 and 7 and a portion of lot 5 in blk 11 of the Paige tract; $10.

GREEKS ENCOURAGED

The Capture of Damasi Gives Them Hope.

ROAD TO ELASSONA NOW OPEN

King George's Troops Planning to Cut off Edhem Pasha's Supplies at Salonica.

Milouna Pass, April 20.—(Morning)—Active preparations for a general advance have been in progress since daybreak. During the night the Greeks established themselves on the last height near Tyrnavo, opposite the position which the Turks captured last evening. Nechal Pasha opened the attack upon this position this morning with a brisk firing from behind the defenses. The combatants have not yet come into close quarters. The Greeks brought up several pieces of artillery, which were speedily silenced.

The Greeks are now concentrating near Tyrnavo, whether in great strength or not is not known here. Greek reinforcements have been seen crossing the plain in the direction of Tyrnavo. Three batteries of Turkish artillery have arrived from Monastir. Grunkoff Pasha is now with the Turkish troops.

Evening—The Turks have just commenced to shell the town of Tyrnavo. All the roads leading to Larissa are crowded with fugitives shouting, "Reserves, don't try conclusions with the Turks."

The Greek villages in the plain are completely deserted.

Athens, April 20.—A dispatch from Arta says that 3000 Greeks have crossed the frontier at Bani and a severe artillery duel has been in progress since Monday. The Greek artillery have silenced the Turkish immured fort commanding the town. Two attempts by the Turks to cross the river were repulsed.

There has been brisk firing at Placa and a heavy infantry fire along the line for about five miles. Two Greek officers and many Turks have been killed.

Athens, April 20.—(Midnight)—News has just reached here that the Greeks, after a desperate battle, have captured and burned Damasi. Vigla is still resisting. Another division of the Greek troops, it is reported, has traversed the Reveni pass and captured three block houses. This division has almost reached Damasi, where it will effect a union with the force that captured the town. The 20,000 troops under General Smolenitz displayed the greatest bravery. Reveni lies twelve miles northwest of Larissa. Edhem Pasha, with a force variously estimated, at 10,000 to 14,000 troops led seven assaults against it yesterday, but all were repulsed by the Greeks.

Crown Prince Constantine has telegraphed here that the Turks at that point were completely and finally repulsed.

In Athens greater attention has been paid to the operations in the neighborhood of Reveni than to those at Milouna Pass. The theory all along has been that if the Greeks could establish themselves at Damasi, their road would lie open to Elassona.

The exact situation at Tyrnavo is somewhat in doubt. The news from that point is conflicting, but there is no confirmation of the rumor that the place has been captured by the Turks. What seems to have happened is that Tyrnavo was evacuated in order to send troops forward to Reveni and was then re-occupied by troops returning from Milouna.

The government has addressed a note to the foreign ministers and consuls in Greece, calling their attention to the fact that Greece has adhered to the declarations of the Berlin congress of 1850 and expressing the hope that foreign governments will respect the laws of neutrality.

An official dispatch from Arta says that after crossing the Aracthos at Bani, the Greeks occupied the villages of Neokhori and Sakhikalama, where they strongly entrenched themselves. Col. Manos is now advancing northward in the direction of Paraskevi. The Greeks repulsed an attempt of the Turks to cross the bridge at 10 o'clock this morning. A number of Greeks, among them several officers, were killed and others were wounded.

Athens, April 21.—1 a. m.—The report of the capture of Damasi by the Greeks under General Smolenitz is confirmed by official dispatches. Official dispatches report also that further heavy breaches have been made in the Turkish forts at Prevasa. The bombardment ceased at nightfall, but will be resumed this morning (Wednesday). The ironclad Spetzia has left the gulf of Arta to join the eastern squadron, which, it is said, has an important mission.

Constantinople, April 20.—A second Turkish squadron left the Golden Horn this afternoon for the Dardanelles. It consists of the ironclad Orhanion, the monitor Hifsirahman, the corvette Manecura, five torpedo boats and four steamers have been converted into cruisers.

Prince Mavrocordato, the Greek minister to Turkey, has sailed for Athens. All the embassadors except the German embassador went to the quay to bid him farewell.

Edhem Pasha has wired the Sultan that he gained several notable victories yesterday, occupying all the fortified positions commanding Tyrnavo. He reports that the Greeks evacuated their intrenched camp, leaving behind thirty cases of cartridges and many rifles. The Turks, he says, have retaken Velitzko, which the Greeks surprised and captured on the first day of frontier aggression.

An official telegram from Zanthi asserts that the Greeks who landed at Eleuthropoli and reached Cojrat, near the railway, were attacked and defeated by Turkish troops and peasants, and that 100 Greeks were killed.

London, April 20.—On good authority the Associated Press is informed that the war between Greece and Turkey will not affect the situation in Crete. The powers having guaranteed the safety of the Mussulman population they will continue their efforts to pacify the island and endow it with autonomy. The officials of the Turkish embassy here believe from the wording of Edhem Pasha's dispatches to the Turkish government that the Greeks will make no great stand until the Turks reach Larissa, where the main battle, it is thought, will be fought. This seems probable as Prince Constantine, the Greek commander-in-chief, has left Tyrnavo for Larissa.

Several British officers, both on the active list and belonging to the reserve, have offered their services at the Turkish embassy, one of them volunteering to equip thirty men for service against the Greeks and to bear all the expenses of taking them to the frontier. The officials of the embassy referred all such offers to the government at Constantinople.

GREEKS ENCOURAGED.

The Capture of Damasi Offsets the Milouna Calamity.

Athens, April 20.—The news of the capture of Damasi puts a new complexion upon the situation on the frontier, is a great encouragement to the government and is likely to have the most exhilarating effect upon the spirits of the Greeks, who had been greatly depressed by the reverses of their troops at Milouna pass. This success, and the fact that the fall of Prevesa seems imminent, virtually offsets the calamity of Milouna. If the Greek divisions effect a union at Damasi, as is expected, there is almost nothing in the way of their prompt advance to Elassona. If Tyrnavo falls into the hands of Edhem Pasha and the Turkish troops sweeps down upon the plain and advance to Larissa to meet the force collected there under the Crown Prince, there will be between two grand divisions of the Greek army. This seems to have been the object of Greek strategy.

Should the Greeks succeed in reducing the forts at Prevesa, as now seems probable, and occupy the town with the large land force, operating with the bombarding war ships, the royal road to Janina will be open and the Turkish troops in Epirus placed at the most serious disadvantage. The strategic value of Prevesa to the Turkish division in Albania is that so long as it remains in the hands of the Turks it makes possible a steady line of munitions and food supplies.

With Prevesa in the hands of the Greeks this line would be promptly cut, and it would be practically impossible to revictual the Turkish troops by the long land route through Macedonia. On the other hand, the Greek troops could be revictualed by sea.

It is stated here in well informed circles that the eastern squadron of the Greek fleet, which will shortly be reinforced by the ironclad Spezia, is planning an important movement. This is practically directed against Salonica. If this is made with dispatch, it is quite possible that the Greek ships could reach the gulf and shell the town of Salonica before the Aegan squadron of the Turkish fleet could interfere. The object of such a bombardment would be to cut off the Macedonian line of supplies to Edhem Pasha's camp at Elassona. Should the Greek troops advance from Damasi to Elassona the line of Turkish supplies could be cut at that point and render the naval movement unnecessary. And it is possible that the brilliant success at Damasi will cause a modification in the sea campaign of the Greeks.

NEW YOSEMITE STAGE LINE.

The Valley Road Will Compete With the Old Line.

San Francisco, April 20.—At the weekly meeting today of the San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley railroad directors it was decided to open next Monday the company's railroad stage line to the Yosemite valley in competition with the Southern Pacific Raymond and Berenda route. Last year the Southern Pacific charged $55 for the round trip from this city to the Yosemite. This year the rate is $40. The Valley railroad directors have made a cut of $10.70 under this rate of the Southern pacific, by making a round trip fare of $29.30. The Southern Pacific is seeking to get the bulk of the Christian Endeavor travel to the valley this summer by offering a rate of $50 for the round trip, including expenses en route. The Valley railroad people expect to offset this offer by a better one.

San Francisco Races.

San Francisco, April 20.—Weather at Ingleside fine; track fast.

Half a mile—Toreada won, Miss Dividend 2, Little T. G. 3. Time, .50¼.

Six furlongs—Santa Paula won, Adam Andrew 2, Reel 3. Time, 1.17¼.

Five and a half furlongs—Reddington won, Peixotto 2, Encino 3. Time, 1.11.

One mile and a quarter—Morte Fonse won, Can't Dance 2, Hazard 3. Time, 2.12½.

Six furlongs—Tulare won, Nebula 2, Mercutio 3. Time, 1.15¼.

Seven furlongs — Howard S. won, Wheel of Fortune 2, Im. Trance 3. Time, 1.29¼.

BANKERS IN SESSION

SECOND DAY OF THE STATE CONVENTION.

J. J. Valentine the Speaker of the Day—Officers Elected for the Ensuing Year.

Los Angeles, April 20.—The second day's session of the bankers' convention was this morning called to order by President N. D. Rideout, who immediately introduced the speaker of the day, John J. Valentine of Wells, Fargo & Company's bank.

The speaker gave an exhaustive statement of the condition of international bimetallism today and the history of the movement in the last century. He quoted largely from the advocates of the theory to prove its deficiencies.

At the close of Mr. Valentine's remarks there was prolonged applause and then President Rideout called for reports of committees. The committee on resolutions reported several resolutions through its chairman, James A. Tompson. A vote of thanks was extended to the bankers and people of Los Angeles for their great and uniform courtesy during the convention.

Chairman T. S. Hawkins of the auditing committee presented a report which showed that a balance of $213.56 is now in the treasury.

E. B. Pond, chairman of the committee on nominations, submitted the following list of officers for the ensuing year and they were elected by acclamation: President, J. J. Valentine, Wells-Fargo Bank, San Francisco; vice president, J. M. Elliott, First National Bank, Los Angeles; treasurer, J. W. Kline, Crocker-Woolworth National Bank, San Francisco; secretary, R. M. Welch, San Francisco Savings Union.

Vacancies in the executive council were filled by the election of the following: L. W. Burris of Santa Rosa, Alexander Goldstein of Fresno, James A. Thompson of San Francisco, Charles Altschul of San Francisco, H. H. Hewlett of Stockton, Stoddard Jess of Pomona and C. S. Brooks of Marysville.

WHY HE SURRENDERED.

Insurgent Zarraga Tells the Spaniards a Queer Tale.

Havana, April 21.—The well-known insurgent leader, Julian Zarraga, who surrendered with five of his followers to the Spanish authorities in Pinar del Rio on April 16th, has made a request to be sent to Spain. He has admitted to General Inclan that he personally dynamited trains in the province of Pinar del Rio, and says he surrendered because he considered the insurgent cause to be lost. He added that independence of Cuba would mean chaos and final catastrophe for the island under complete negro domination.

Zarraga is an annexationist. He claims that the insurgents in Pinar del Rio have been dispersed, every leader acting on his own account and all wishing to command.

Zarraga's frank admissions and statements have won considerable sympathy for him among the Spanish. Several hundred bales of tobacco were shipped today on American account.

Florida Senatorial Contest.

Tallahassee, April 21.—The first joint ballot for United States senator was taken at noon today. The result was practically the same as that of yesterday with an increase of one in Call's vote, the increase coming from Senator Hendley, who was absent yesterday. The vote was as follows: Chipley 16, Call 31, Raney 14, Hocker 18, Buford 7, scattering 7.

BY THE ELECTRIC ROUTE

Two Murderers Shocked to Death in Ohio.

THE FIRST ELECTROCUTIONS

In the Buckeye State Terminate Successfully—Review of the Crimes Committed.

Columbus, O., April 21.—The first electrocutions in Ohio took place this morning shortly after midnight in the annex of the Ohio penitentiary, where for the last twelve years capital punishment has been meted out to all persons under sentence of death in the state by hanging. The electrical chain and appliances have been in place in the old execution room for several weeks. They are similar to those used in New York.

The electrocution of William Haas was set for April 8th, but owing to the burning out of the armature on the electrocuting dynamo, the electrocution had to be postponed and Governor Bushnell fixed the date so that Haas would be electrocuted on the day set for the electrocution of William Wiley. A new armature was secured and the test today showed that it was fully up to the requirements. To prevent any possibility of the armature being tampered with an extra guard was placed in the dynamo room. Haas and Wiley, the condemned men, passed the day in religious devotions. Haas, who was 19 years of age, had been indifferent to his fate ever since his arrival at the annex.

The crime for which Haas was electrocuted was a most revolting one. He had been employed and befriended by William Brader, a gardener residing at Cloverdale, a suburb of Cincinnati. On the morning of July 3, 1896, while Brader was absent in Cincinnati, Haas criminally assaulted Mrs. Brader, and then cut her throat with a razor. To cover up the crime Haas set fire to the house and fled, but some blackberry pickers saw the smoke issuing from the house in time to prevent its burning. Haas was arrested on the afternoon of the same day at Hamilton, O., and taken to Cincinnati, where by degrees a confession was secured from him.

William Wiley murdered his wife on the west side of Cincinnati twenty days after Haas committed his crime. Wiley was insanely jealous of his wife, and, as it transpired, without cause. After a few years of unhappy domestic life he came home one day in a drunken fit and shot his wife, who died after being taken to a hospital. Wiley concealed himself in a closet in the house and was wounded in a desperate fight with the officers who arrested him.

PUGILIST INJURED.

Sudden Termination of a Boxing Contest.

Philadelphia, April 20.—Billy Vernon of Haverstraw, N.Y., was probably fatally injured in a boxing bout with Leslie Pearce of Camden, N. J., at the Olympic Athletic Club at Athens, Pa., tonight. The fight had been scheduled for fifteen rounds, and at the opening of the fourteenth the men came up fresh and smiling. After sparring for an opening, Vernon made a left swing which Pearce cleverly countered and both men broke away. More sparring followed and Vernon made a vicious left lunge. Pearce ducked without attempting to return when Vernon suddenly collapsed and fell heavily forward on his face. He was counted out but continued to lay motionless after Pearce had retired to his dressing room. Vernon's seconds made an effort to raise him but he lay still. At a late hour he was still senseless and the physicians gave but slight hope of his recovery. Pearce was placed under arrest, but every other person connected with the affair managed to escape before the authorities got wind of it. There were about 2000 spectators.

La Fiesta Inaugurated.

Los Angeles, April 20.—La Fiesta de Los Angeles, 1897, was inaugurated this evening and the spirit of the carnival only will be supposed to reign over the city until Saturday next at midnight. In the remainder of the week business here will stagnate and the time of the resident and visitor alike will be yielded up to participation in the fun, frivolity and pageantry of the carnival.

HORRORS OF CUBAN WAR

DISCUSSED BY MORGAN IN THE SENATE.

He Urges Speedy Action by This Country to Stay the Devastation.

Washington, April 20.—Senator Morgan's resolution declaring that a state of war exists in Cuba was discussed briefly in the senate today, and then went over for a week, owing to the absence of Senator Hale of Maine, who has been active in opposition. Mr. Morgan again urged the need of speedy action by this country to stay the devastation going on in Cuba. He had just listened, he said, to the testimony of a witness before the committee on foreign relations which presented a shocking condition of affair in Pinar del Rio. It was morally impossible that the people of the United States should close their eyes to these horrors much longer. We are, he said, aroused over Greece and Crete and Armenia, but the very stench of these horrors is under our noses. He wanted Americans protected and scenes worse than those in the bloody days of the Netherlands brought to an end. If the senate passed this resolution, as he believed it would, human lives would be saved.

Mr. White stated that he had heard it intimated that the President was about to send a commissioner to Cuba. Would it not be desirable to await the report from this commissioner before taking action.

There was no need of waiting further reports, answered Mr. Morgan. The country had been deluged with reports and unimpeachable evidence for the last two years. Mr. Morgan went on to say that he expected when this commission came back from Cuba another one would go. In the meantime devastation, ruin, cruelty and extermination were going on in Cuba.

Mr. Mason, Republican of Illinois, offered a resolution directing the committee on rules to report a rule providing for a limitation of debate and for ordering the previous question. The resolution went over.

The agricultural appropriation bill was then taken up and passed without amendment.

At 1.40 p.m. the senate went into executive session. At 2 o'clock the senate resumed legislative session, and the bankruptcy bill was formally laid before the senate.

In the course of the debate Mr. Allen, Populist of Nebraska, announced that he would obstruct in every possible way any bankruptcy bill which included involuntary bankruptcy.

Mr. Nelson, Republican of Minnesota, amended his substitute bill so as to overcome criticisms heretofore made.

Mr. Morgan gave notice that he would seek to secure a test on the pending Nelson substitute by moving at 4 p.m. tomorrow to lay the substitute on the table.

Mr. Bacon, Democrat of Georgia, submitted numerous amendments modifying the stringency of the original bill as applicable to debtors.

A resolution by Mr. Hoar, Republican of Massachusetts, was agreed to requesting the secretary of state for comprehensive information as to the machinery of government of all foreign nations with which we have diplomatic relations, the taxes or excises and methods of collection, imports and exports; method of aiding the merchant marine discriminations against American merchant vessels; public indebtedness, etc.

Another resolution by Mr. Callom, Republican of Illinois, requesting the secretary of the treasury for information as to the effect of the present internal revenue tax on the honest production of distilled spirits, to what extent illicit distillation had occurred and all further information that will aid in protecting the government against frauds. In this connection Mr. Cullom stated that he understood one-third of the high wines produced in this country came from illicit distillation. The resolution went over after a brief discussion.

The senate adjourned at 4.10 p.m.

AN EXPENSIVE BRIDGE

To be Constructed Across the Lower Mississippi.

San Francisco, April 20.—The Southern Pacific Company is making arrangements to build a bridge to cost $5,000,000 across the Mississippi river at New Orleans.

"We have had this expensive undertaking in mind for some time past," said Vice President Fred Crocker today. "A bridge company will be incorporated to build and operate it, and the Illinois Central, Texas and Pacific and Louisville and Nashville roads will become members of that company in partnership with the Southern Pacific. It will do away with the transfer by boat of passengers and freight across the Mississippi."

The bridge will have double tracks and will cross the river about five miles above New Orleans.

CORBETT'S CHALLENGE.

Posts a Forfeit for a Contest With Fitzsimmons.

New York, April 20.—James J. Corbett today formally challenged Robert Fitzsimmons to meet him again in the prize ring and deposited $5000 as a forfeit. The challenge was as follows:

"To Robert Fitzsimmons, champion of the world: I hereby challenge you to box me any number of rounds for the championship of the world, under the provisions of the law, before the club offering the best inducements.

"As it would be a violation of the law to propose a side stake, that is a detail that may be settled at your pleasure.

"As an evidence of my sincerity, however, I have today deposited the sum of $5000, which I invite you to cover, and name time and place to meet me and arrange the final details.

James J. Corbett."

Fitzsimmons is still to be heard from.

Held for Murder.

Salt Lake, April 22.—The coroner's jury in the case of the death of John H. Hamilton rendered a verdict today, and as a result Mrs. Lou Hamilton, the wife of the dead man, was held for murder, and Thomas P. Sedden, the brother-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton, is held as accessory. Both are held without bail. The investigation showed that Mrs. Hamilton had purchased cartridges a few days prior to the tragedy and one of the witnesses testified that at the time of the shooting he saw Sedden creep from under the shadow of the trees, dart into an alley leading to the rear of the premises and a moment later appear at the front door of the house with a lamp in his hand.

Will Durrant be Executed.

San Francisco, April 21.—Many intimations are made that the execution of Theodore Durrant, the convicted murderer of Blanche Lamont, will never take place. Two of the state board of prison directors, in interviews, have said they think Durrant should not be hanged, two others favor his execution and the fifth is non-committal. Governor Budd declines to say how he will act when the petition for clemency is presented to him, but many of his confidential friends state that the Governor has privately expressed his belief in Durrant's guilt. They consider it improbable that there will be any executive interference with the death sentence.

Carnival of Sports.

Carson, Nevada, April 20.—A. Livingston of this city and Dan A. Stuart are making active preparations for the August carnival. Stuart's cousin, Clark, will arrive in a few days and later Stuart is expected. Livingston will give out no portion of the program except to say that the affair will last ten days and will be more prodigious than the March arrangement. The report has reached this city that Stuart privately communicated that he was certain of another match between Corbett and Fitzsimmons, and such a meeting would be the paramount number on the summer list of attractions.

Two Boys Drowned.

Seattle, Wash., April 20.—A special to the *Post-Intelligencer* from Whatcom says: Two little sons of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Bureon of Marietta, this county, were drowned Saturday night in the slough which extends a short distance inland from the bay at this point. When the tide went out Sunday the body of one of the little fellows was found on a sand bar out in the bay a short distance, but the other one has not been recovered.

The Corwin Ordered to Alaska.

San Diego, April 20.—The revenue cutter Corwin sailed this afternoon for San Francisco, whence she will proceed to Alaska, Lieutenant Reed having received sudden orders to leave at the earliest possible moment. The cutter will probably be in Alaskan waters until October. The United States steamer Thetis left this afternoon for San Francisco, where she will go out of commission and probably be sold. The Alert will take her place on the coast survey.

Fitzsimmons Will Not Accept.

Philadelphia, April 20.—Fitzsimmons tonight declared that he meant to pay no attention to the challenges from Corbett or anybody else, as he had earned a rest and meant to have it. He added, however, that he proposed to follow Corbett's example as dictator of the prize ring and his reply was that the latter should earn a reputation as a fighter instead of a boxer before he presumed to challenge him.

Jury Secured in the Fair Case.

San Francisco, April 21.—A jury has at last been completed in the Fair case and this afternoon twelve men were sworn to act as advisers to Probate Judge Slack while he tries to determine whether the pencil deeds conveying valuable property from Senator Fair to Mrs. Craven were forged or are genuine. The case will probably occupy several weeks.

FIGHTING THE THRIPS

No Satisfactory Remedy Found Yet.

THE USE OF NETS THE BEST

Professor Woodworth Gives the Results of His Investigations to the Farmers.

From Thursday's Daily.

The executive committee of the Farmers' Club met yesterday afternoon at the Chamber of Commerce room and listened to the report of Professor C. W. Woodworth of the state university concerning his investigations of the vine hoppers, their ravages in the vineyards and the most effectual way of exterminating them. There was a good attendance of the committee members, as the results of the Professor's work were of absorbing interest.

Professor Woodworth is of the opinion that thrips, or vine hoppers, feed all winter, except in extreme cold weather, on everything they can find digestible. The insect is dormant or active, according to the temperature. The first young will appear about two weeks hence. They lay eggs all season, and have two or three "crops" of young. The feeding of the pest varies according to activity. In the winter they eat little, but in the spring they feed ravenously to develop eggs.

The Professor showed by a chart how the hopper inserted its proboscis into the plant. It sucks out the sap and green matter of the vine. Professor Woodworth believes that the eggs are inserted in the leaves of the vines. The eggs are not in the ground. The coming crop of young will be the offspring of the thrips that remained over from last summer through the winter. Eggs do not endure the winter. Only the adults survive the cold, and from them spring the young of the first crop of the season. Sheep pasturage in the vineyards, therefore does not affect the crop.

Professor Woodworth had not yet arrived at a decision as to the best treatment for destroying the pest. There are three ways under consideration—by spraying, application of some sticky substance, or by catching the flying insects with nets. The speaker did not consider that any was an effective remedy.

The difficulty with spraying is that the water will not stick to the vines. The hoppers must be wetted, and as they are very active they either get away or kick off the spray before the poison can work its effect. There is absolutely no way of poisoning the thrips by merely placing the spray on the vines. They will not touch the liquid nor eat the leaves on which it is sprayed, but will insert the proboscis into the leaf and seek the juice.

The expert did not believe that any spray which would make the vine disgusting to the hopper would be effective, as the insects would bore through it. The use of gases, burning sulphur, etc., is impracticable, as they kill the plant life also.

The hopper-dozer would be effective, the expert thought, if the hoppers fly up. The experiment with this is yet to be carried further.

Catching the thrips with nets is practicable. The Professor had conducted experiments at W. H. Hodgkin's vineyard and caught as high as 90 per cent of the pests. The personal element of the catcher is to be considered in this, however.

Professor Woodworth expressed the opinion that the hot weather had done much damage. The slow growth early in the season has tended to aid the injury, as the leaves have not grown large enough to withstand their destruction by the thrips.

The Professor has also discovered that the vines are suffering from mildew.

The young hoppers will not come in until June, and the danger now is that the first crop blossoms will not set fruit. There is a possibility, but no probability, said the Professor, that the hoppers may disappear from some unknown disease. Barring the threatened injury from the thrips the indications are that the crop of grapes this season will be the largest ever known.

The best spray known by the Professor is a kerosene emulsion, prepared as follows: Mix one gallon of hot sour milk to two gallons of kerosene by pumping it back through the spray nozzle for about fifteen minutes, until there is a thorough emulsion. Then add ten times as much water and spray the vines.

One member of the executive committee stated that he had used Little's Carbolic Sheep Dip with success. He considered the use of the net in catching the hoppers to be the best method of exterminating them, however, in the spring and fall. He recommended nets with openings about fifteen inches in diameter. The former knew of no parasite that preys on the thrips, but said he had observed that they were destroyed by some contagious disease sometimes.

The executive committee and Professor Woodworth then turned their attention to the black aphis which is attacking the young shoots of citrus trees. The kerosene emulsion is effective for this pest.

A question was asked as to how the purity of paris green could be ascertained, it being stated that the article was being adulterated. Some growers have been using this for spraying. Professor Woodworth stated that when pure paris green is in little round balls. To test it, put on a glass, and if it leaves a little green patch it is pure. If impure it will leave a white streak on the glass, as all adulterants are white, gypsum being the most common adulterant. White arsenic is also used, and this is dangerous to the plants. Under the glass the pure paris green is in globules, while the adulterated is in crystals.

The committee extended a vote of thanks to Professor Woodworth for his energetic efforts in behalf of the fruit growers. Last evening he went out to the ranch of John S. Dore, and will continue his investigations and experiments.

UNIVERSALIST SERVICES.

Dr. Q. H. Shinn Preaches at Kutner Hall—Sermon Tonight.

Rev. Q. H. Shinn, D. D., of St. Louis, held his first service in Kutner hall last night, and addressed a good sized audience, answering the question "What will become of wicked people dying in sin?"

His answer was: "They will be redeemed. God has the disposition, the power and the time. 'Love never changes,' James 1:17. 'Love never lets go,' Rom. 8:38, 39. 'Love punishes to cure,' Heb. 9–11. Punishment will end when all are cured."

Tonight at 8 o'clock, same place, Dr. Shinn's subject will be: "The Garden of Eden."

Mr. Shinn is the general missionary in the United States for the Universalist church. He is an eloquent speaker and those whose ideas are liberal will be particularly pleased with him.

William A. Urmey, engineer at the Hughes hotel, while repairing some machinery at the laundry yesterday fell from a ladder and was severely shaken up and bruised. He will be confined to his room for a few days.

Alfred Pearson and E. F. Chilgren left this morning for a business trip to San Francisco.

PRONOUNCED A FORGERY.

Expert Eisenschimmel on the Stand All Day.

From Thursday's Daily.

Carl Eisenschimmel of San Francisco, the expert on handwriting, was on the stand all day yesterday in the trial of Professor W. A. Sanders for the forgery of William Wootton's name. Max Gumpel, another expert from San Francisco, testified at the three former trials, but at the present one Eisenschimmel is taking his place. Eisenschimmel unhesitatingly pronounced the signature to the $1400 draft to be a forgery, as well as those to the deeds and the letter. He was a very strong witness for the prosecution, more so than even Gumpel had been.

Mr. Eisenschimmel went into every detail of his studies of the signatures, the disputed as well as the genuine, and gave in an intelligent manner his reasons for believing the disputed signatures to be fraudulent. He explained the various peculiarities and characteristics of Wootton's writing. As all the experts have done, Mr. Eisenschimmel laid particular stress on the fact that in signing his name Wootton invariably wrote the letters in pairs, making plain disconnections between each pair. In the disputed signatures the name is written continuously, there being no intervals.

Hitherto the prosecution has not tried to establish the forgery of certain letters. At this trial, however, they are trying to prove that the missives were written by Sanders instead of Wootton, whose name was signed to them.

The examination of the expert will be continued this morning.

HARD TIMES SOCIAL

Given Last Night by the Ladies of Martha Lodge.

There was a big crowd at the "hard times" social given by Martha Lodge, No. 39, A.O.U.W., at Einstein hall last night. Those who attended were attired in keeping with the character of the affair—that is, they wore the oldest and raggedest clothes they had been able to "scare up," and looked as if they had just come in from Poverty Flat.

Some of the costumes even the most confirmed hobo would have hesitated to wear, and it can be imagined that the grotesque figures cut by many of the ladies and gentlemen caused considerable diversion.

The evening was spent in dancing and merry making, and later refreshments were served. There was nothing suggestive of poverty in these, however. A flashlight photograph was taken of a group of some of the most "poverty-stricken" guests. An excellent time was had by all.

HORSES ARE ARRIVING

PREPARATIONS FOR THE RACE MEETING COMPLETED.

The Electric Starting Gates Are Working Well—A Large Attendance Expected

L. Rockman, secretary of the Fresno Jocky Club, returned yesterday from Bakersfield, having completed all arrangements for the spring race meeting to be held in that city the week following the Fresno meeting.

Horses are arriving at the track here every day, and the fair grounds are assuming an animated appearance. Yesterday fifteen horses arrived from Bakersfield, Hanford and Merced. George Tibbetts of Bakersfield brought up a string of three, namely, Trilby, Lady Kern and Pavo. B. F. Hobart arrived with Durango, Christine and Onte Ora. H. Hart came down from Snelling, Merced county, with his string, among which are Redlight and King Alph. J. Burris is here with Sontag and McKinley, and G. L. Waring has also arrived from Los Angeles with his string.

The track is already in fine condition, but work will be done on it until the meeting opens so that it will be as near perfection as possible. The horses are being schooled to the electric starting gates with great success. The gates work perfectly and the horses are getting used to them. The Fresno track is one of the few in the state that have this most modern of improvements.

A large outside attendance is expected, and it is believed that Bakersfield alone will send up at least 150 people. Every inducement has been offered to secure a large attendance of outsiders, and judging from the interest manifested in the Fresno meeting the inducements are not being offered in vain. Over 100 horses will appear on the track during the meeting, and besides the regular card provisions have been made for overnight races.

Yesterday Secretary Rockman received a telegram from some horsemen at the Ingleside track asking him to reserve and put in condition twenty stalls. The horses will arrive Friday or Saturday.

There is every indication that the coming spring meeting will be the most successful ever held in the San Joaquin valley, and lovers of horse racing will have good sport to their hearts' content.

Editor Colwell Waxes Wroth.

George E. Colwell, formerly of this city and now editor of the Napa *Reflector*, has begun criminal proceedings for libel against C. A. Carroll, editor of the *Calistogian*. Colwell, it appears, had been attacking the superior judge of that county, and Carroll referred to the *Reflector* as a "blackmailing and unscrupulous sheet." Colwell, it will be remembered, was the principal proprietor of the Fresno *Democrat*, now dead for many years. After leaving Fresno Mr. Colwell engaged in the practice of law at Oakland. Recently he started the *Reflector* at Napa.

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

BEFORE JUDGE RISLEY, DEPARTMENT 1.

People vs. Ed. Holbert; order admitting defendant to bail in the sum of $100.

First National Bank vs. J. W. Oate et al.; dismissed on motion of plaintiff.

L. D. Scott vs. John R. Wilkinson et at.; trial continued till today at 9 a.m.

E. R. Otis vs. R. Z. Zimmerman; motion of plaintiff for a new trial denied.

Ethel L. Schell vs. John Albin; cause tried and taken under advisement.

George H. Long vs. H. D. Colson; dismissed upon stipulation.

People vs. Victor Benites; defendant arraigned and given until today at 9 a.m. to enter plea.

BEFORE JUDGE COOK, DEPARTMENT 2.

People vs. W. A. Sanders; on trial.

New England Picnic.

The annual basket picnic of the New England Society will be held at the residence of Capt. Norris at Fowler May 1st. Dinner at 1 o'clock. Each one will be expected to furnish dishes for clam chowder. All New Englanders are cordially invited.

It should be made a matter of public knowledge that DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve will speedily cure piles of the longest standing. It is the household favorite for burns, scalds, cuts, bruises and sores of all kinds. Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

NEWS FROM MADERA.

The Vine Hopper Also at Work There—Personals.

From Thursday's Daily.

E. H. Cox left on Monday morning's train for a trip to Portland, Or. Mr. Cox's health has not been good of late and he has gone away to recuperate.

Raleigh E. Rhodes, the quondam Madera attorney, but now of Fresno, passed through Madera today en route to Fresno Flats, where he goes to defend C. Dostin and another man on the charge of cattle stealing. He was accompanied by District Attorney Miles Wallace.

Mrs. A. B. Ganyard, who has been seriously ill in the city for the past few weeks, returned home Sunday evening much improved in health. Her numerous friends are glad to hear of her recovery and rejoice at her return.

The promised rain did not materialize yesterday, much to the disappointment of of our farmers, who would very much like to see a good steady downpour.

Dr. F. R. Brown is removing his drug store from its present location in the Mannasse building to a more central spot next to the postoffice, the store recently vacated by the Reid Mercantile Company. The Doctor also contemplates removing his office from Front street to the rear of the store.

Rev. W. M. Bours from Merced conducted the Easter morning services at the Episcopal church. The chancel was beautifully decorated with calla lilies, sent from Los Angeles by Rev. O. Parker, formerly rector here. There was special Easter music and the services were bright and enjoyable. At other churches, too, there was special music, and the singing was very good, notably at the Catholic and Presbyterian churches, where large congregations attended both morning and evening.

The following registered at the Yosemite hotel today: J. W. Gaskill and W. M. Thompson of San Francisco; G. F. Attwood and wife, Council Bluffs; W. E. Flate, Modesto; H. A. Hawkins, Fruitvale; C. F. Smith, Chicago, and others.

F. A. Prosser returned today from a trip to Cascadel, where he has been in connection with his lumber interests there.

Sheriff Westfall, accompanied by his wife, left this morning on a business trip to Grub Gulch.

Con Broslin went to Fresno this morning.

Most vineyards here are infested with the vine-hopper to an alarming extent, and it looks as if considerable loss would result to the vineyardists.

SCRUTATOR.

Madera, April 20, 1897.

MISS KENNEDY WEDDED

MR. EDWARD A. CUTTER THE HAPPY MAN.

Married Last Evening at 6 O'clock at the Home of the Bride's Parents.

The week following the Lenten season is an auspicious one in society. This fact has been strikingly illustrated in Fresno during the present week, for event has followed event in rapid succession. "The New Creation" on Monday evening, the Upton-Davison nuptials and Leisure Hour Club's reception on Tuesday and the wedding of Miss Margaret Kennedy to Mr. Edward A. Cutter last evening, were events of more than ordinary importance.

The marriage of Miss Kennedy and Mr. Cutter last evening was a quiet affair, but one in which society was much interested. The bride has been a popular member of Fresno's society, and her wedding was eagerly looked forward to by her many friends.

The groom, though not a resident of this city, has been here a number of times, and is not therefore a total stranger.

The wedding took place at the residence of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kennedy, at the corner of Q and Tulare streets at 6 o'clock last evening. A reception followed.

The ceremony was performed by Rev. H. E. Banham of the Congregational church in the presence of a number of relatives of the contracting parties. The bridal couple, during the ceremony, stood in the bay window of the parlor, under a canopy of smilax, from the center of which depended a pretty wedding bell of smilax and white roses.

The bride entered with her father and was received by the groom, who was in waiting with the groomsman, W. J. Cutter, a brother. The maid of honor was Miss Jessie Kennedy, a sister of the bride. Lohengrin's wedding march was played by Miss Genevieve Swain, and she rendered a subdued sacred selection during the ceremony.

The bride was attired in a gown of white satin, trimmed with figured chiffon. Her veil was fastened with a crescent of diamonds and pearls, the gift of the groom. The groom was in the conventional dress.

The reception following the wedding began at 8.30 o'clock and lasted till 11. A large number of friends came to greet the happy couple. Refreshments were served, and there was music throughout the evening.

The residence was beautifully decorated for the occasion with smilax, roses and lilies, the predominant colors being white and yellow. A number of young ladies assisted in the reception.

The bride has resided in Fresno with her parents for a number of years, and is a highly esteemed young lady. She graduated from the high school in 1894, and since that time has been an active member of one of the leading ladies' literary clubs. Possessed of more than ordinary accomplishments and a charming disposition, she has always been regarded as a favorite in society.

The groom is a young business man of San Jacinto, Riverside county, being engaged in the drug business.

Mr. and Mrs. Cutter received many presents. They left on last night's train for the south. They will attend the fiesta in Los Angeles and visit neighboring places before taking up their residence in San Jacinto.

PERSONAL.

James Turner is here from French Camp.

T. E. and Henry Beck are down from O'Neal's.

J. F. Danilton was down from Madera yesterday.

W. B. Robb was up from Orosi yesterday on business.

W. G. Dozier was up from Visalia yesterday on business.

R. Kirman of Carson, Nevada, is spending a few days in Fresno.

Mrs. Whitelaw and daughter of San Francisco are visiting in Fresno.

Assistant Adjutant General R. L. Peeler returned this morning to Sacramento.

Mrs. L. G. Uniacke and Mrs. El Cox of Squaw Valley arrived in the city last evening.

E. E. Bush, N. W. Motheral, Archibald Yell and G. M. Cross of Hanford spent yesterday in Fresno.

Rev. George Miller and wife came up from Hanford yesterday to attend the wedding of Mrs. Miller's cousin, Miss Margaret Kennedy, to Edward A. Cutter.

Charles Reno and J. Lawler, who recently met in a 4 round bout before the Fresno Athletic Club, have been matched by the Olympic club of San Francisco.

AN INTERESTING SUIT

FILED BY RENA BROWNE IN THE SUPERIOR COURT.

She Charges Her Husband With Securing Deeds By Fraud and Threats.

From Thursday's Daily.

A complaint somewhat out of the ordinary was filed in the superior court yesterday, the parties to the suit being Rena Browne, who appears as the plaintiff, and Frank E. Browne and W. M. Pearce, who are the defendants. The action is for the cancellation of a deed, a commonplace enough proceeding. What gives the case interest is the manner in which it is alleged the deed was secured.

The plaintiff alleges in her complaint that on February 27th last she and the defendant Frank E. Browne were wife and husband. On that day Browne, for the purpose of acquiring the title to certain property, real and personal, which is described in the complaint, and in order to defraud her of her just interest therein, compelled her by force, fraud and threats to enter into a certain contract with him.

The agreement provided for the transfer of the realty and personal property to Browne, who was to give promissory notes for the same secured by crop and chattel mortgages.

Mrs. Browne says that the fraud, menace and threats used by her husband consisted in accusing her of having committed adultery with divers parties and threatening, if she refused to sign the contract and institute divorce proceedings, that he would bring suit for a divorce himself and charge her with having been unfaithful to her marriage vows. He told her he had many witnesses to prove her guilt.

Browne also threatened to turn her out of their home and leave her in the streets of Fresno, saying that if she returned he would kick her out. He stated he would charge her with adultery with several respectable men in town, personal friends of the plaintiff, and disgrace her and them by the publicity of the charge.

The plaintiff alleges that she never committed adultery and is wholly innocent of the charge, but being friendless and alone in the world, and terrified by her husband's threats, she executed a deed for the realty and a bill of sale for the personal property. The deed was in favor of the defendant W. M. Pearce, who subsequently transferred it to Browne, while the bill of sale was to Browne direct.

The plaintiff asks that both the deed and the bill of sale be cancelled and set aside and for such other relief as the court may deem proper.

The New Teacher.

Miss Alice Marchebout has been engaged to teach in the high school in the place of Mrs. Curran. She entered upon her duties yesterday. Miss Marchebout came from the state university.

BASEBALL NOTES.

Items of Interest to "Cranks" and Other Folks.

Rod Waggoner will soon return from the East. He will sign with the FRESNO REPUBLICANS.

The San Francisco *Examiners* will play the FRESNO REPUBLICANS at Athletic park next Sunday. The representatives of the "Monarch" will bring down the strongest aggregation of players that ever wore their uniform. Among the stars are Dalmas, first base; Beckett, second base, and Monahan, shortstop.

Manager Woldenberg has entered the REPUBLICAN team in the *Examiner* baseball tournament.

The Athletic park association will have a grand stand with a seating capacity of about 250 completed in time for next Sunday's game. A grand stand has been needed for some time, and the management will now compel spectators to keep off the field.

Jack McCarthy will play his second game with the REPUBLICANS Sunday. Joe McCarthy will pitch and Balsz will play first base. This change is to keep Joe from getting rusty.

The home team's weakest point is their batting. They are practicing at this point daily with Balsz in the box, however, and will show considerable improvement by next Sunday. Balsz knows how to put the boys through.

VICTORIA'S JUBILEE.

Americans Should Unite With Britishers to Celebrate It.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—I notice that a meeting has been called for Saturday next for the purpose of devising means of celebrating the diamond jubilee of Queen Victoria in June, and I am glad to see the invitation is extended to Americans as well as Britishers. I trust there will be a representative number at the meeting.

Personally I am a "dyed in the wool" Yankee of old revolutionary stock, and my patriotic feelings in nowise prevent my desiring to honor and do justice to the grand old lady who has for so many years figured as the head of the British Empire; and I feel as though I could do so without being inconsistent to my dislike of things aristocratic or monarchical, for it is as the woman and mother that I would honor her and not as the queen or empress.

Americans all over the country are preparing to commemorate the event and there are, I feel certain, many unprejudiced ones in Fresno who will be glad to avail themselves of the opportunity to show their appreciation of Victoria's example of what a woman should be as a queen. AMERICUS.

Fresno, April 21, 1897.

A Small Raisin Crop.

"I don't see why so much fuss is being made about the vine-hoppers," said a vineyardist yesterday. "It is true they have done some damage, but I believe the worst of it is over. The indications are, however, that the raisin crop will be light this year. The effects of the frosts a year ago are still discernible, and this season's frosts have added to the damage. This, with the injury done by the thrips, is sure to make the raisin crop of 1897 below the average."

J. R. Baird and wife, Mrs. H. Lemmon and daughter and G. W. Terrill of Selma were in Fresno yesterday.

Help

Is needed by poor, tired mothers, debilitated and run down because of poor, thin blood. Help is needed by the nervous sufferer, the men and women tortured with rheumatism, neuralgia, dyspepsia, scrofula, catarrh. Help comes quickly when Hood's Sarsaparilla begins to enrich, purify and vitalize the blood and send it in a healing, nourishing, invigorating stream to all the nerves, muscles and organs of the body.

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Hood's Pills cure Liver Ills; easy to take, easy to operate. 25c.

KNIGHTS OF HONOR.

Pleasant Social Given at Edgerly Hall Last Evening.

Fresno Lodge No. 3455, Knights of Honor, gave a social last evening at their hall in the Edgerly block. A short program had been arranged and it was well carried out. The first number on the program was a piano duet by the Misses Tannahill and Osborne. Next was a song and piano accompaniment by the Misses Hague. They were encored. Following this was a recitation by Master Errett Shelton, which was very well rendered. "The Old Oaken Bucket" was next rendered by Miss Josie Marshall, by special request. She was encored and then played "Narcissus," which was roundly applauded.

Mr. Crow of San Francisco, who accompanied Grand Dictator Archibald, was next called upon to sing a song. He came forward, remarking, "I don't know whether you ever heard a crow sing or not." Before he complied with the request he related an incident showing what young men gained by becoming members of the Knights of Honor. He then sang "The Last Rose of Summer," which was well received. He was heartily encored and responded with another song.

Grand Dictator Archibald, the speaker of the evening, was then introduced by Mr. Osborne. Mr. Archibald spoke for a short time on the work of the order and the relief it gave to the widows and orphans. Mr. Archibald will leave for Newman tonight. Next on the program was refreshments. Ice cream, cake and lemonade were served. The crowd dispersed at about 10.30 o'clock, having spent a most enjoyable evening.

BIRDS AND BLUEROCKS.

Annual Shoot of the Fresno Sportsmen's Club.

The Fresno Sportsmen's club will hold its third annual tournament at the fair grounds on Sunday and Monday, May 2d and 3d. Crack shots from all parts of the state will be present and the shoot promises to be a very interesting one. Both live birds and bluerocks will be used. There will be a large number of cash prizes for the live bird events and merchandise prizes for the bluerock contests. The following program has been arranged for the tournament:

First day, May 2d—Live birds. Entrance fee includes birds.

First event—Seven birds; $2.50 entrance, $5 added. Divided 40-30-20-10; class shooting.

Second event—Ten birds; $3 entrance, $7 added. Divided Rose system; handicap.

Third event—Eight birds; $3 entrance, $6 added. Divided 40-30-20-10; handicap.

Fourth event—Ten birds, $4 entrance, $10 added. Divided 40-30-20-10.

Other shots will be arranged to suit contestants.

Handicap—Winner of first money in any event goes to 30-yard mark for the succeeding event.

Second day, May 3d — All shoots known traps, unknown angles. Entrance fee includes target.

First event—Ten targets; 50c entrance. Divided 40-30-20-10.

Second event—Fifteen targets; $1.50 entrance. Divided 40-30-20-10.

Third event—Fifteen targets; $1.50 entrance. Divided 40-30-20-10.

Fourth event—Twenty targets; $2 entrance. Divided 40-30-20-10.

Fifth event—Twenty-five targets; $2 entrance. Divided 40-30-20-10.

Reception to Mrs. Curran.

The junior class of the Fresno High School gave a reception to Mrs. Abbie H. Curran, their recent Latin teacher, at the home of Miss Marseillette Ferguson yesterday afternoon. The entire class was there, and a right jolly time they had. After a number of selections of vocal and instrumental music had been rendered Ralph Bearden, the class president, on behalf of his associates, presented Mrs. Curran with a silver sugar bowl, creamer and spoon, in a very feeling and appropriate speech. Mrs. Curran responded in a happy vein, reminding her former pupils that she was not in the habit of making speeches except on such occasions as they were accustomed to; but she was grateful for their manifestation of good will, and should prize the little souvenirs presented as reminders of her long and pleasant association with them.

Officers Encounter Robbers.

SALT LAKE, April 22.—A private telegram from Price, Utah, says that the posse which left Castle Gate yesterday in pursuit of the men who robbed the treasurer of the Pleasant Valley Coal Company, had an encounter with the holdups and wounded one of them, whose name is supposed to be Fowler. The robbers were making their way toward the Cedar mountains.

Paper Mills Destroyed.

TERRE HAUTE, Ind., April 22.—The paper mills at Ellsworth, five miles north of here were totally destroyed by fire last night, entailing a loss of $75,000. The plant was owned by the trust known as the American Straw Board Company, and among the heavy stockholders is Crawford L. Fairbanks. The mills have been closed for some time. The insurance will amount to about $40,000.

Campaign Expenses.

Statements of expenses in the recent municipal campaign were filed as follows yesterday: M. L. Woy, $69.50; J. M. Collins, $22; C. H. Swett, $69.50.

Idaho's Island Wonder.

Henry lake is a beautiful body of water with an area of about 41 square miles and is situated on the dome of the continent in a depression in the Rocky mountains near Targees pass, Idaho. Henry lake is of no consequence itself, but it is the "home" of a most wonderful floating island, which is seen first on one side of the lake and then on the other. The island is about 300 feet in diameter and has for its basis a mat of roots and decayed vegetation sufficient to support large trees and a dense growth of underbrush. The edges of this floating island are thin, of course, but near the center it is several feet thick and of sufficient strength to support a good sized summer hotel, if some one could be found that would care to make such a venture. There is a good sized willow thicket near the center of the island, and scattered around among them are several dwarf pines and aspens. These trees catch the breeze which is continually blowing over this highly situated lake, and, acting as sails on a boat, move the 300 foot island hither and thither over the 40 square miles of water at their will. Old mountaineers who are well used to all kinds of queer things declare that the floating island of Henry lake is the most wonderful thing to be seen in the mountain regions of the United States.—St. Louis Republic.

A Woman Edits It.

According to law, no woman can publish a newspaper in Japan, but a tiny rift was recently made in this prohibition. The young women connected with the Methodist Girls' school in Nagasaki, Japan, started a little quarterly, and then learned of the law, to their dismay. A concession was made, however, in their favor, the government taking the ground that a school paper purely religious and educational was different and that a woman might edit it.

IT IS A GOOD JOB.

Architect Downing Defends the High School Electric Wiring.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—In a recent issue of the REPUBLICAN I read in the report of a meeting of the Board of Education that some wise man from the East informed the board that the electric wiring in the high school building was poorly done, and that it would be dangerous to have the current turned on. I had hoped that all these matters were settled long ago, and the entire building accepted as it is, a first-class job from beginning to end. But it appears that some narrow-gauge individual has just woke up to the fact that there had not been a kick about the electric wiring, consequently the program was not strictly carried out.

I am not in any doubt as to who this self-appointed expert is, but would be better pleased to have him come out openly. It would probably be easier for me to show why he reached his present conclusions.

I am prepared to offer the evidence of a disinterested and competent electrician that the work is first class in every respect, and that the wires are of ample size to carry safely a sufficient current to light the required lamps in any of the following systems—the Bush, Edison or Thomas Houston. The building is wired to carry a 52-volt constant potential circuit.

It is very annoying to have to reply to the insinuations of such persons, and it is astonishing that they can get the attention of gentlemen. I trust you will give this the same prominence in your paper as you did the article referred to.

Respectfully,

H. W. DOWNING.

Stockton, April 20, 1897.

PERSONALS.

C. W. Short is here from Lompoc.

Mrs. Barlson of San Francisco is visiting Fresno.

Rev. J. W. Webb was in from West Park yesterday.

Dan Collins has returned from the "ould country."

W. E. Williams came down from Stockton yesterday.

D. T. Curtis of Reedley had business in Fresno yesterday.

J. Trumbull of Halifax, N.S., is spending a few days in Fresno.

Dr. and Mrs. J. Wachendorf arrived from San Francisco last evening.

E. R. Hamilton, a Sacramento banker, is in town looking after his interests.

A. P. Blackler left for Los Angeles last evening to take part in the fiesta.

J. G. Ferguson and wife and H. L. Musick and wife came over from Clovis last evening.

Claus Kroeger, formerly of Fresno, is down from San Francisco looking after his interests here.

A. H. Washburn of Wawona, proprietor of the old stage route to the Yosemite, was in town yesterday.

Thomas E. Hughes has returned to Fresno after an absence of two and half months at the mines at O'Neal's. He looks hale and hearty and is satisfied with the results of his trip.

I. H. Jacobs is down from San Francisco looking after his interests.

Unconditional surrender is the only terms those famous little pills known as DeWitt's Little Early Risers will make with constipation, sick headache and stomach troubles. Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

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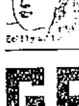

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Gentlemen:—We sold last year, 600 bottles of GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC and have bought three gross already this year. In all our experience of 14 years, in the drug business, have never sold an article that gave such universal satisfaction as your Tonic. Yours truly,

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NOTICE.

To the Taxpayers of Fresno County.

The second installment of taxes on real property will be delinquent on the last Monday in April at 6 o'clock p.m., and unless paid prior thereto, five per cent will be added to the amount thereof.

N. W. MOODEY,
Tax Collector of Fresno County, Cal.

$10 REWARD.

ESTRAYED — A SORREL MARE, TWO white stockings on hind legs and heavy mane, near centre of P. O. April 12th. Notify Chas. Milhahn, near Kohler & Frohling's winery, Fresno.

RADIN & KAMP,

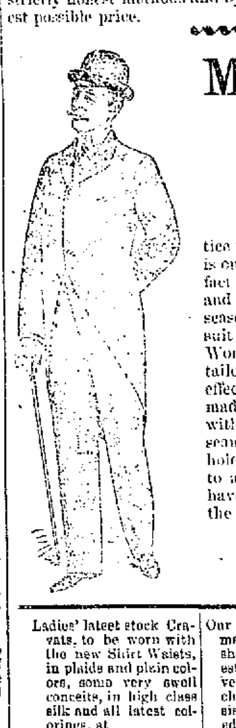
The White Front

DEPARTMENT STORES.

We Want Your Trade.

We make prices to get it. But bear this in mind—the prices are for high class merchandise, not for cheap truck as is so often offered at special prices. Our aim is to make your dollar go as far and buy as much as possible. Our business and reputation have been built up by strictly honest methods and by giving the very best values for the lowest possible price.

MEN'S CLOTHING



As good as this cut is it does not do justice to the suit it is designed to represent. It is only necessary to call your attention to the fact that the suits this spring are far nobbier and more swell looking than those of past seasons. The cut represents a very excellent suit of navy blue, black, brown or gray Clay Worsted in cutaway and straight cut sacks, tailored in a faultless manner; also some new effects in Worsted Cheviots. This garment is made of the finest imported Worsteds, sewn with silk, lined with fine serge or Italian cloth, seams finished with silk, handworked buttonholes; in fact, it is got up and finished equal to any $25 tailor-made suit. Remember we have a large assortment to select from, and the price is only

$8.75.

Ladies' latest stock Cravats, to be worn with the new Shirt Waists, in plaids and plain colors, some very swell conceits, in high class silk and all latest colorings, at 50c.	Our Furnishing Department devoted to Men shows up all the newest ideas in Shirts, the very swellest, plaids, checks, stripes and Persians. They're decidedly swell, and at prices within the reach of all.	The latest idea in Club Ties, the very newest things, in Persian, checks, stripes and swell plaids. The Club Tie is commonly called the string tie. We have some very clever styles in these. They are fashionable for Ladies as well as Men. 25c.

A FEW TRADE WINNERS.

Men's White Lawn Full Dress Bows	5c
Men's 15c, 20c and 25c Suspenders	10c
Men's Fine Silk Four-in-Hand Ties	10c
Men's All Silk Band Bows	25c
Men's Four-ply Linen Collars	5c
Men's Outing Flannel Shirts	15c
Men's Heavy White Sweaters	25c
Men's Lawn String Ties, per dozen	10c
Men's Fine Cambric Handkerchiefs	3c
Men's Heavy Cotton Socks	3c
Men's Silk and Canvas Belts	10c
Men's Balbriggan Underwear	25c
Boys' Straw Sailors	15c

We wish to call your attention to a very pretty Double-breasted Suit of ours, a short pants affair, as the cut on the side shows, made of fine Cheviots and Cassimeres in blue or brown, with the overlaid plaid and small check effects. These garments are all made by the best man tailors, and are sewn with silk and double seamed, trimmed in horn buttons, all very swell and intended to be sold for $3. We propose to dress the small man stylishly for spring, and as an incentive for a big crowd we will include a bicycle cap with each suit. The suit will be for Friday and Saturday

$2.15.

A CAP FREE WITH EACH SUIT.

Special -:- Sale

SATURDAY NIGHT,

From 7 Until 9 O'clock Only.

Men's Unlaundried White Shirts, linen bosom and wristband, Masonville muslin, French felled seams REINFORCED back and front, regular 50c Shirts, sizes 14 to 17½, for

28c.

Who would have thought 50 dozen Shirts would sell as quickly as they did two weeks ago? They fairly melted before the crowd, and to make sure that no one is disappointed this time we have a double quantity. Remember the time.

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As Gentle Woman Pays Her Sister's Fare.

MAY WE SIT ON THE FENCE

It is Unfortunate, You Know, But Who is to Blame?—A Great Game.

From Saturday's Daily.

It was the same old game that has been written about so many times, but it amused me none the less on that account. It always does amuse everybody who is present, you know; everybody, that is, except the two women who play the game. Apparently they are serious enough.

It was on the street car which advertises itself as running "to the ferries," but which never yet, I think, has reached that destination since it (the car, not the destination) was imported for the benefit of the Fresno public. The large woman in black had just asked the smaller woman in pink how the baby and the whooping cough were enjoying themselves together, when the driver entered to take up the collection. Then the fun, so old yet ever new, began.

Large woman fumbled for her purse.
Smaller woman fumbled for her purse.
Large woman secured her purse.
Smaller woman secured her purse.
Difficulty in opening large woman's purse.
Difficulty in opening smaller woman's purse.
Large woman says, "Let me."
Smaller woman says, "No, let me."
"I insist."
"So do I."
(Driver reaches the pair.)
"Really, my dear—"
"Well, but you know—"
"You paid my fare the last time."
"Oh no, you are mistaken."
(Driver waiting.)
"It's only a nickel anyway, and I'd sooner pay it than not."
"So would I."

Driver waiting. Heartless masculine cynic on my right whispers an offer to bet the cigars that neither woman has a nickel. I take the bet; it's a good one even if I lose.

Both women in chorus: "I insist."

Both women open their purses; both make a horrifying discovery; both exclaim in tones of anguish:

"Why-ee! I've left my money at home."

Hurried search through the purses, resulting in mutual discovery:

"I happen to have just one little miserable nickel."

Each pays the driver her only nickel, and they again fall to talking about the baby and the whooping cough.

This is the way the game panned out in that instance, and I won the cigar. But the result varies. Sometimes one woman, and sometimes another, pays both fares, but the preliminary struggle does not vary much in most cases.

Why do the gentle creatures do these funny things? Ah, who could tell? Perhaps it is because it is their feminine way—the which may Heaven approve, wherever it leads—and perhaps in many an instance it is because their cash is furnished by their lords and masters, and, as a consequence, it is necessary for them to higgle and shuffle over each nickel of outlay, for does not the lord and master in many an instance ask, "what did you do with that ten cents I gave to you last week?"

But whatever be the reason, and whether the game be due to feminine foible or to masculine littleness, it is right amusing to watch two women who are supposed to be trying to pay each other's fares on a street car.

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The emigrants from Illinois are to have a picnic on the banks of the San Joaquin.

Ho, all you folks from Illinois, the big ones and the small,
Who still revive the olden days now gone beyond recall,
Have pity on the erring ones who feel with much annoy
They would, had they possessed more sense, been born in Illinois.
It is but little that we ask, who chose another spot
To wail our way into the world and face the common lot,
And yet if you'd be good to us, we ask you with a sigh
To let us sit upon a fence and see your crowd go by.

We feel our own demerits. Our rightful claim is small.
We chose a birthplace otherwhere, and merit naught at all,
Yet we'd like to see you "Suckers" as you all for suckers fish;
To view you at your frisky sports is all the joy we wish;
We want to see you gambol and we long to see you frisk,
And if we tumble from the fence we're free to take the risk.
We Badgers, Hawkeyes and the rest in vain for picnics sigh,
So let us sit upon a fence and see your crowd go by.

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It does not matter who did the "stuffing" in the recent election, if "stuffing" was done. I care not one whit whether such an offense was committed by Democrats, Republicans or Populists, any or all of them, they should be punished in any event if such a thing is possible. They are shameful, the constantly reiterated charges of stuffing with which the newspapers before an election are filled. If they are so true that the papers should utter them, it is rankly strange that they so rarely result in the punishment of anybody.

This is greater than a partizan question, and we need to view it as men rather than as the adherents of a party. There is no party which can afford to uphold itself by such corrupt methods as must, when they are widespread enough, undermine the foundations of the government. A party which must be upheld by iniquity were better dead. These are truths so apparent that no intelligent man will venture to dispute them, and close on their heels follows the other truth that every good citizen is vitally interested in the punishment of stuffers. The knavery which vitiates the political system, undermining the governmental structure and in its final result threatens the welfare of us all—he who is guilty of this is in the deed neither Republican, Democrat nor Populist; he is a criminal of base sort and few things are more desirable than his punishment.

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Five boys arrested for highway robbery, and guilty beyond peradventure. Another boy arrested for striking a woman, and, again, guilty beyond peradventure. And some of these boys, at least, are of most respectable parentage. Now, how do you account for the prevalence of this sort of thing? It prevails everywhere, perhaps you answer. It does, but I know, and you know, if you have lived in the east recently enough not to have forgotten the facts, that it is more prevalent in California than in most states. Why is this?

S-s-s-sh! Do not mention it. If moral decadence is oftener seen among our sons than among those of some other states, let us say with respectable regret that this is our misfortune. But, above all, let us not admit that by any possibility it can be our fault. Out on the man who dares suggest that every condition is but a consequence of the conditions that preceded it! No, no; California is the perfect state, trebly blessed by the God of nature, and if her sons too often go wrong, alas for the fortune of the strictly irresponsible parents!

Lay this flattering unction to your souls if you please, good people, but I will none of it. For I will not stultify myself by believing that any effect is without its cause. When I see too many of our boys turning into desperadoes before the down of youth is well upon their cheeks; when I turn to the statistics and learn that California has more prison dwellers in proportion to her population than any other state in the Union, I will not fall back on the it-is-our-misfortune theory. I will not close my eyes to the fact that moral degeneracy in youth argues moral laxness in their elders.

Those stalwart men who came to California nearly a half century ago were engaged in one quest, the quest of gold. The desire for the yellow metal was in most cases the dominating influence of their lives; the fever of it was in their veins. And where gold is god, no other divinity is recognized. Bowing at its altar, high good is forgotten. And so our prisons are filled; our saloons proportionately exceed those of any other state in number; our country highways are dotted by roadside houses; our boys (too many of them) go wrong, and we most respectably regret our misfortune.

It is our misfortune, friends, but the reaping long has had a way of following the sowing.

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"Scrutator" of Madera is quite right. The quotation should have read, "Some who came to scoff." The instance shows what a man gets for trusting to a memory which at times is afflicted with spring halt or hay fever.

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Evangelist Johnson, who sheered from the evangelizing track in order to sue a few wandering souls, has been defeated also in his case against the *Expositor*.

Said the Rev. Brother Johnson
In a pensive sort of way:
"Though I'm losing all my cases
And there seems the deuce to pay,
Yet it's 'Onward, Christian soldier,'
And I'm really not bereft,
For though I miss the ducats,
I have my religion left."

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It is evident that the "charity baseball game" between the employes of Radin & Kamp and the Kutner-Goldstein Company is bound to be a meteoric success. All of the preliminary arrangements have been made. The employes have been shown a bat and a ball and have been told that one is hit with the other, and there is not a man among them who cannot without a moment's hesitation distinguish the first base from the catcher's mask. It ought to be a great game, with immense wads of science scattered all over the field.

THE MAN ABOUT TOWN.

VISITING SUPERVISORS.

San Joaquin County Fathers Spend a Day in Fresno.

Supervisors Orrin Henderson, D. C. Shephard, and O. J. Hemphill of San Joaquin county were the guests of Fresno county's supervisors yesterday. After attending a brief session of the board in order to see how the public business is transacted in this county, the visitors were taken in conveyances to the county hospital, which institution they gave a thorough inspection. Mrs. Henderson and Mrs. Shepherd accompanied their husbands on the trip. The San Joaquin supervisors were very favorably impressed with the appearance of the hospital and the manner in which it is conducted, and said they would recommend their county physician to visit the institution here in order to inform himself of its workings.

The jail and the court house were also inspected and the visitors found something to praise everywhere. They were shown every attention by the Fresno supervisors and expressed themselves as very much pleased with their treatment. They left for the south last evening.

Made a Mess of It.

From the Kern County Echo.

It is now generally conceded that the road laws recently enacted are in a mess. One law says the roads shall be managed by district trustees, and another law—the county government act—says the supervisors shall have the management. Both of these were signed on the same day, the latter at a later hour than the former. But that is not all. The district act says that trustees shall be elected on the last Saturday in May, but the act does not go into effect till the first of June, so that it seems to shut out the trustees for at least a year yet. Nor does the confusion end there. The district law says that the election of trustees shall be held at such places as the trustees shall designate, which makes it hard to say where the first elections shall be held, or who shall designate the places for opening the polls.

A Malicious Prosecution.

From the Alameda Encinal.

The FRESNO REPUBLICAN has won its libel suit, just as was to have been expected from the start. But it was forced to go to Los Angeles to defend itself in the United States circuit court, where the suit was brought manifestly for the express purpose of putting it to heavy expense, as the plaintiff never had a case and his lawyers well knew it. When malicious suits are thus brought, the plaintiff, in case of defeat, should be made to pay all the expenses of the defense. It is not fair that an angry man, made angry as in this case by legitimate comment on outrageous conduct, should be able to force the paper making that comment to expend large sums in making its defense by bringing suit in a United States court.

Vindicated and Appreciated.

From the Selma Enterprise.

The FRESNO REPUBLICAN was vindicated by twelve good men of Los Angeles Monday. The verdict of the jury in the libel suit of Libeler Johnson was a foregone conclusion. While people will often submit to a vast amount of abuse under the guise of moral and religious exhortation, it would be hard to secure a jury that would condemn a vigorous defense of its young womanhood by the local journal under such provocation as the REPUBLICAN had. The expense of the defense must have been considerable, and as it was incurred in a common cause the people of Fresno will doubtless appreciate it.

Cupid Is Busy.

Cupid Bush was quite busy yesterday filling in marriage license blanks in that fine Italian hand of his. Licenses were issued to the following: Frederick Nelson and Mattie J. Donaho of Fowler, Percy F. Adelbach of Fresno and Annete L. Snyder of Selma, F. J. Akers of Fresno and Mary Boswell of Fowler, James C Moreland and Aurelia J. Gearhart of Fresno, Fred J. Smartt and Edna A. May of Reedley.

Mrs. Curran Resigns.

The Board of Education met last evening and accepted the resignation of Mrs. Abbie H. Curran, a teacher in the high school. Superintendent Roby left last night for the coast to find someone to take her place.

The Sanders Trial.

From Tuesday's Daily.

Yesterday was an uneventful day in the Sanders trial. The examination of George Wiseman was concluded in the morning and then Deputy Sheriff Peck went on the stand. All the deeds and papers which the defendant is alleged to have forged to gain possession of Wootton's ranch, besides the $1400 draft, for the forgery of which Sanders is being tried, were introduced and read to the jury. D. J. Guggenhime, formerly manager for the Kutner-Goldstein Company in this city and who paid Sanders the money on the draft, was on the stand when court adjourned till this morning.

WERE NOT HIS VIEWS

Judge Cook Differs With the Supreme Court

AS TO ADMISSIBLE TESTIMONY

Witness Rohloff's Important Conflict of Testimony in the Sanders Trial.

From Saturday's Daily.

The introduction of testimony was begun yesterday morning in the trial of Professor W. A. Sanders on a charge of forgery. County Surveyor Hoxie was the first witness on the stand and he explained the charts of the country surrounding the Wootton ranch, which had been visited the day before by the court and jury.

Charles Rohloff, who was employed at Wootton's ranch at the time of the old man's disappearance and who is the most important witness for the prosecution, was next called, and his examination occupied the greater part of the day. He was being cross-examined by Attorney Short for the defense when court adjourned till this morning at 9 o'clock.

The most important feature of the proceedings of the day was the statement of Judge Carroll Cook that in his opinion the introduction of all matters not bearing directly upon the forgery charge should not be permitted to go before the jury. But in the appeal taken to the supreme court by the defendant, when he secured a new trial, that tribunal held that testimony connecting Sanders with Wootton's disappearance was admissible in that it tended to corroborate the evidence showing that the signature of Wootton's name to the $1400 draft could not be genuine. Judge Cook said that no matter what his own opinion might be he would have to recognize the rulings of the supreme court as the law in the case, and therefore allow the testimony which the defense claimed was extraneous.

The court stated that he wanted the record to show that he permitted the testimony on this ground, as his own views did not conform with those of the supreme judges.

Mr. Short objected to the introduction of the indirect testimony shortly after Rohloff was placed upon the stand, as Attorney Hinds for the prosecution immediately began questioning the witness regarding Wootton's disappearance from the ranch on February 1, 1894. Attorney Short has at all the trials strongly maintained that such evidence was intended to prove Sanders guilty of murder, and was not relevant to the forgery charge.

In his appeal to the supreme court the defendant's attorney also dwelt at length on the point that the evidence introduced against his client in a great part did not bear on the accusation of forgery. The supreme court took a different view, however.

The disagreement of Judge Cook's opinion with the views of the supreme court is interesting, as the Judge is recognized as one of the best authorities on criminal law in the state. Had he presided in the trial before the appeal to the supreme court, and ruled out all testimony not referring directly to the accusation of forgery, the case might have been placed in a different light. Of course, under the present circumstances Sanders will not profit by any opinion of Judge Cook, as the whole mystery surrounding Wootton's disappearance will again be placed before the jury.

Rohloff's testimony in the main was the same as that he has given at the former trials. He made one change, however, to which considerable importance is attached. No one believes that the German would wilfully reverse his testimony, but the conflict was probably due to a lapse of memory or the like, it now being over three years since the events took place.

According to Rohloff's testimony Sanders visited Wootton's place three times in January, previous to February 1, 1894. The time of the third visit was about a week before February 1st. At this time Wootton and the witness slaughtered a hog. At the last trial Rohloff testified that Sanders went home that afternoon, after Wootton had given him a piece of pork.

It will be remembered that Wiseman and Records testified that they saw Sanders drive by the place where they were working, in his buckboard about 4 o'clock on the afternoon of February 1st. This was about a mile and a quarter below the point where Rohloff saw Sanders drive away with his employer on that fated afternoon. Wiseman and Records say that when Sanders passed them he was alone, and the theory of the prosecution is that the defendant disposed of Wootton's body temporarily in the sandy bottom of a creek, which is near by, and came back after it some night during the three weeks which intervened before people began asking concerning Wootton's whereabouts.

The defense argued, however, that Wiseman and Records were mistaken as to dates; that they had seen Sanders drive past them on the day Wootton and Rohloff killed the hog, a week before the rancher's disappearance, and not on February 1st.

Yesterday, however, Rohloff changed his testimony and stated that Sanders did not go home on the afternoon that the hog was butchered; that he waited until the next morning and then left. This testimony would disprove the contention of the defense that it was on this trip that Wiseman and Records saw Sanders.

Rohloff went through the same details as at the three former trials. He told of the defendant's numerous visits and his arguments with Wootton to sell the ranch to his friend, "John Knausch." Rohloff also testified as to what happened on February 1, 1894, the afternoon of which day Sanders drove away with the wealthy rancher.

The cross-examination of the witness by Attorney Short will be resumed this morning.

Professor Sanders' complexion was of a bright red yesterday, the result of his exposure to the sun during the ride to the Wootton ranch Thursday. Mrs. Sanders came into court during the afternoon.

Everyone showed the effects of the hard ride to the ranch the day before, and all were glad when the hour of adjournment arrived last evening.

Other Communities Rejoice.

From the Merced Sun.

Not very long ago a preacher by the name of Johnson, in Fresno, said in the pulpit that very few Fresno girls were virtuous. The FRESNO REPUBLICAN resented the statement and criticized the preacher severely, though justly. The preacher thereupon sued the REPUBLICAN for libel, asking damages in the amount of $25,000. The suit resulted in favor of the defendant, of course, whereat all newspapers who feel it their duty to defend and uphold the good name of their respective towns should rejoice. Some preachers can only acquire the notoriety they seek by making rash statements and charges from their pulpits—statements that are not warranted by the facts, and such preachers should be severely sat upon. In the above instance the REPUBLICAN did the "sitting" act in its usual faultless style, and endeared itself to the good people of the Raisin City thereby.

O. W. Crawford, Daniel Meyer, George Tourney and W. J. Androws of San Francisco, were in town yesterday.

ACADEMY ITEMS.

Grain Looking Well—Easter Services—Personal Mention.

The grain is looking fine.

Miss Lizzie Simpson is down from the Toll House visiting her mother, Mrs. S. M. Simpson, of this place.

Mrs. A. Adorn and daughter, Miss Bessie, of Chico are visiting Mrs. Lou Baley.

There will be church here Easter Sunday at 11 o'clock. League meeting at 7 p.m. Church also after the league meeting.

Fred Ferris, who is clerking at the Academy store, went to Fresno last Sunday evening and returned home on Wednesday. He is looking quite happy since he returned, and everybody knows why.

George Perry had bad luck last Sunday evening. When ready to take his lady friend to the league meeting his horse ran away and smashed the buggy. Poor George had to go a foot and alone.

Charley Hopkins says there is nothing like having some one to fan.

Misses Zora and Annie Baley paid a visit to Miss Josie Cunningham last Friday. Both report having had a pleasant time.

Miss Maud Burroughs has been visiting with her aunt, Mrs. Witham.

Tom Sample frequents the hotel quite often of Sunday evenings lately. There must be an attraction there.

Wedding bells have not chimed here for some time, but rumor says that they will in the near future.

Miss Zora Baley has been on the sick list for the past few days. I. O. U.

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A DANGEROUS PRACTICE.

Small Children Jumping on and off Moving Drays.

From Saturday's Daily.

Effective steps should be taken to discourage the practice of small children in this city of jumping on and off moving drays. Serious accidents might occur, and it behooves parents to keep a close watch on their children, as the dangerous practice is becoming quite general. The draymen themselves are complaining, although some of their own number are principally to blame for having taught the children to want to ride by taking them on the trucks. Now the youngsters will run out from the yards and try to board the drays from the side. There is great danger of the children being thrown off and run over by the rear wheels.

John Camp, a driver of one of Hart Brothers' drays, had a narrow escape yesterday afternoon from running over a little boy who failed in an attempt to jump on the passing truck. The child fell, and Camp happened turn around, and seeing the boy's peril, barely succeeded in stopping the team in time.

ASKED TO RESIGN.

A High School Teacher Alleged to Have Been Insubordinate.

Mrs. Abbie H. Curran, for many years a teacher in the Fresno high school, has been asked by the Board of Education to resign because of insubordination. She is alleged to have disobeyed an order of Principal McLane that she preside over the assembly room during a certain period. The difficulty appears to have grown out of a misunderstanding as to what Mrs. Curran's duties were. She has not yet sent in her resignation, but has signified her willingness to do so.

The trouble is unfortunate, and Mrs. Curran's retirement from the school would be very much regretted.

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

BEFORE JUDGE RISLEY, DEPARTMENT 1.

J. M. Costigan vs. J. A. Beall; judgment for plaintiff for $645.92.

J. M. Costigan, doing business as Costigan, Cohen & Company, vs. Frank Dusy; judgment for plaintiff for $604.25 and costs.

Laura M. Straube vs. The Pacific Mutual Life Insurance Company of California; motion to strike out parts of the second amended complaint denied and demurrer sustained.

BEFORE JUDGE COOK, DEPARTMENT 2.

People vs. W. A. Sanders; forgery; on trial.

Pastor French Welcomed.

The members of the First Baptist church assembled last evening at the residence of their pastor, Rev. J. M. French, 312 Blackstone avenue, for the purpose of tendering him and Mrs. French a welcome. In consequence of the sudden death of Mrs. Norton, one of the church's most honored members, the festival features of the gathering were dispensed with and the meeting resolved itself into a devotional service. A committee was appointed to draft resolutions of sympathy with the family of the deceased.

But Can It Reflect?

From the Reedley Exponent.

The result of the city election at Fresno gives room for much earnest thought on the part of the Democracy of this county. The campaign of vilification, carried on principally by the *Expositor*, foreshadowed the result, as men of principle and reason turned with disgust upon such methods. The time has passed when trumped-up slander will injure a candidate with the people. The *Exponent*, standing upon the top rail of independence, not blinded by partisan politics, anticipated the result three weeks ago, and the *Expositor* can now, in its sober moments, reflect upon the friendly advice then given it by the *Exponent*.

Large Real Estate Transaction.

H. P. Hedges, through F. M. Chittenden, the well-known real estate dealer, yesterday sold the lot on the northwest corner of J and Fresno street to Andy D. Green. The lot has a frontage of fifty feet on J street and sixty-five feet on Fresno, and is one of the best situated and most valuable pieces of realty in the city. The consideration is said to have been $8000, which is regarded as a good price in these days when money is worth so much more than it used to be. Mr. Green will not build at present.

Macial Wants His Liberty.

Jose Freitas Macial applied for a writ of habeas corpus yesterday. He recites that on January 7th he was held to answer in Justice Austin's court on a charge of placing and keeping his wife in a house of ill fame, which is a felony. On February 5th the district attorney filed an information against the petitioner charging him with the offense above named. Macial says that more than sixty days have elapsed since the filing of the information and that he is therefore entitled to be discharged from custody. Judge Risley will hear the matter this morning at 9 o'clock.

Home Products and Pure Food.

All eastern syrup, so-called, usually very light colored and of heavy body, is made from glucose. Tea Garden Drips is made from sugar cane and is strictly pure. It is for sale by first-class grocers, in cans only. Manufactured by the Pacific Coast Syrup Co. All genuine Tea Garden Drips have the manufacturer's name lithographed on every can.

Thirty years is a long time to fight so painful a trouble as piles, but Jacob Mitchell, of Unionville, Pa., struggled that long before he tried DeWitt's Witch Hazel Salve, which quickly and permanently cured him. It is equally effective in eczema and all skin affections. Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

THE CROP THREATENED

Vine Hoppers Alarm the Vineyardists.

MEETING OF THE FARMERS' CLUB

Professor Hilgard Asked by Telegraph to Send Experts Here at Once.

From Sunday's Daily.

The executive committee of the Fresno County Farmers' Club met at the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce yesterday afternoon and completed its organization by electing N. L. F. Bachman secretary of the club.

A communication from B. M. Lelong of the State Board of Horticulture regarding his contemplated lecture on citrus fruit growing was read, and consideration indefinitely postponed, it being the purpose of the club to take the matter up later on. On motion the monthly meeting for May was postponed to Saturday, May 8th. The program of papers to be read will be announced later.

The club then discussed at length the ravages of the thrips, or vine hopper, on the growing vines this season. It may not have come generally to the attention of vineyardists that these little insects threaten at the present time to destroy the coming crop of grapes. Already they have come forth in such great numbers that they have in places sapped the growing canes and fruit forms of their vitality. They do not feed upon the structure of the vine, but sap its strength by sucking the juice of the tender cane and leaf.

The depredations and attempted remedies were extensively discussed by Dr. Eshelman, Alex Gordon, B. E. Hutchinson, William G. Uridge, Mr. Burnham, John S. Dore and others. Mr. Dore had applied sulphur without any good results. Mr. Gordon had applied a spray of whale oil soap, which had the effect of killing thrips and vines, too. Besides, the insects seem to be migratory, or rather the air is full of them after 10 a.m. until night, and as a result the treated vines are immediately restocked with the pests. This would suggest that treatment of the sort mentioned must be applied at night and in the early morning.

President Hodgkin stated that the Kent hop yards of England were infested with a destructive hopper similar to thrips, which was destroyed by an emulsion of quassia chips and soft soap. The proportions used were six pounds of soap and nine pounds of quassia chips to 100 gallons of water. He had suggested this to some of the state experts, but the suggestion was so readily brushed aside as worthless that he hesitated to mention it again. He promised, however, to test it and report results at an early date through the newspapers.

The club urges vineyardists to inspect the condition of their vineyards with regard to vine hoppers and report the same to President Hodgkin, together with any remedies used and what was the result, whether good, bad or indifferent. This is important, as it will limit the trial of worthless remedies and give intelligent direction to the battle against the pest.

The club telegraphed Professor Hilgard of the State University to send at least two experts here immediately to study the pest and devise means for its destruction. It is expected that they will be on the ground next week. Special effort will be made to have Alexander Craw, the noted specialist, visit Fresno and investigate the existing conditions which threaten the destruction of the wine and raisin crop.

Reports show that the vine hopper is far fewer in numbers and the damage least where vineyards are plowed early and deep. Their depredations extend to rose bushes, etc., and where they have done their deadly work the leaf has a pepper-and-salt appearance.

The club extended a hearty vote of thanks to General N. P. Chipman, Colonel William Forsyth and Dr. Chester Rowell for their able work in Washington in securing a fairer raisin tariff. The motion received a unanimous vote, and was ordered spread on the minutes and published.

The club then discussed the scope and duties of county horticultural commissions, a matter of the utmost importance to the orchard and vineyard industries. The Madera county Board of Supervisors has already quarantined vines from all but Fresno and Kings counties by ordinance, to prevent the introduction of phylloxera and the Anaheim disease. The advisability of requesting the Fresno board to pass a similar ordinance was discussed, and the matter was deemed of such importance that it was continued to next Saturday, when a full attendance of the members will be requested to consider it, together with the progress made in battling with the vine hopper.

The club transacted some routine business and adjourned to next Saturday at 10 a. m., when a full attendance is earnestly requested.

Vineyardists are earnestly urged to examine their vines carefully; see if the leaves and canes have become dry and burned up from the ravages of the hopper, and report the extent of the damage done. Notice also whether the hoppers seem to be migratory—moving in any one direction—when they are in the air, or are simply being blown about by the wind. They can be seen by looking in the direction of the sun, especially in the afternoon.

The club is now looking for permanent quarters for its accommodation, and will be in shipshape at an early date. The efficiency and value of the club to the farming interests is already manifest.

THE SUPERVISORS.

Tax Collector Moodey Given an Extra Deputy.

At yesterday's meeting of the Board of Supervisors Tax Collector N. W. Moodey was authorized to employ a deputy at $5 a day, for ten days, to canvass the county and ascertain who should pay county license and who are paying the same.

D. H. Williams' claim of $479.35 for linoleum, etc., for the courthouse was taken under advisement. The amount is considered excessive.

The appointment by the Hundred Thousand Club of the following named gentlemen as delegates to the Pure Food Congress was approved by the board: A. L. Hobbs, Taylor Albin, Mark Webster, Dr. W. A. Washer and Dr. W. J. Baker.

On motion of Manly the services of the courthouse engineer were dispensed with for the season, the order to take effect April 30th.

On Rose's motion the clerk was directed to advertise for bids for furnishing outside indigents with groceries.

Donahoo, Emmons & Co's. bid for furnishing wire screening for the consulting room at the county jail was accepted, it being the lowest.

The supervisors will leave this evening for Los Angeles to attend the state convention of supervisors, returning about Thursday. Supervisor Garrett will be accompanied by his family.

Not only acute lung troubles, which may prove fatal in a few days, but old chronic coughs and throat troubles may receive immediate relief and be permanently cured by One Minute Cough Cure. Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

MADERA MELANGE.

Coursing Dog Owners Complain of Their Treatment Here.

From Saturday's Daily.

Miles Wallace, who has been to the city to attend the regular meeting of the Yosemite Commissioners, returned last evening. Mrs. Wallace and infant daughter, who accompanied Mr. Wallace, remain in the city for a few weeks on a visit to friends.

C. M. Petty, of the firm of Moore & Petty, and W. E. Wolfe and Mrs. Wolfe went East this morning. Mr. Petty, who was accompanied by his family, will probably be absent for three months, returning in time for the expected rush of business in the harvest season. Mr. Wolfe, who was for a number of years superintendent of the Midvale Land Company here, has returned to Pennsylvania to stay there. In him Madera had a good citizen, and his going away will prove a distinct loss to the community.

Mat Hansen, who was with S. D. Simpson, the Madera tailor, for several months, has decided to open up a tailoring business in the Manasse building in this town, and will commence business next Saturday.

There is considerable dissatisfaction over the treatment of the owners of the winning dogs in the coursing matches in Fresno last Sunday. The advertisement issued by the club, which had the management of the affair, distinctly stated in prominent type that valuable prizes would be awarded to the winning dogs. Judge, therefore, of the surprise of the winning owners when they were each handed the munificent sum of one dollar. Out of this they had to pay an entrance fee of 50 cents. It is hard, therefore, to see where the "valuable prize" part of the transaction came in. The attendance fully justified respectable prizes. The owners of the winning dogs, who are Madera men, naturally feel aggrieved at such treatment.

Mrs. E. Hill has removed her millinery store to the house formerly occupied by her next to the Christian church.

In addition to the various alterations and improvements now going on in the Yosemite valley, it is in contemplation also to at once erect a handsome cottage to cost the sum of $5000. Commissioner Miles Wallace will proceed to the valley next week, in company with a San Francisco architect, to select a suitable site for the same.

A pleasant party took place the other evening at the home of Return Roberts in this town. The occasion was the celebration of the birthday of Mr. Roberts, who was the recipient of numerous congratulations and presents from his many friends. Among those present were Mr. and Mrs. Alderson, Mr. and Mrs. Rosenthal, Mrs. Price, Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Parsons, Mr. and Mrs. Fee, Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hargrove, J. G. Roberts and Thomas Love.

SCRUTATOR.

Madera, April 15, 1897.

To Save Nettie Lewis.

Nettie Lewis, the girl who was arrested recently on a charge of vagrancy, is in the hands of the local corps of the Salvation Army and will be sent to the Beulah Refuge at Oakland as soon as enough money can be collected to pay her fare to that city and supply her with some necessary clothing. The amount required is $10, and the charitably disposed may leave contributions at either of the newspaper offices or hand them to any member of the army. The girl was arrested at the same time as her mother, who was given a floater sentence. It is believed that the girl can be saved by being sent to the Beulah home and the Salvation Army should be rendered every assistance in their good work.

PERSONAL.

E. J. Kee is here from Mayfield.

R. O. Grace of Newman is in town.

T. E. Peckinpah is down from North Fork.

W. G. Dozier is here from Visalia on business.

Col. T. J. Hay has returned from a trip to the bay.

Mrs. A. F. Tenney has returned from a trip to Europe.

Frank H. Webster is down from Minturn on business.

Mrs. W. R. Nutting of Berkeley is visiting in Fresno.

D. T. Curtis of Reedley had business in Fresno yesterday.

Mrs. Wheckel of Selma is visiting in Fresno for a few days.

Col. S. S. Wright has returned from a trip to San Francisco.

C. M. Scheffer and wife of San Francisco are spending a few days in Fresno.

F. H. Lamb, assistant superintendent of the Western Union Telegraph Company at San Francisco, spent yesterday in Fresno.

Captain Day of the Fifth United States artillery has returned from a nine months' sojourn in Japan, and is visiting his sister, Mrs. J. J. Seymour, in this city. The Captain will remain in Fresno some weeks.

REV. PHELPS RETIRED.

He is no Longer Pastor of the Stockton Church.

Rev. Philo F. Phelps, formerly pastor of the Presbyterian church in this city before his removal to Stockton, has been retired from the pastorate in that city. Last evening's *Call* contained the following dispatch from Stockton:

There is dissension in the First Presbyterian church of this city. The congregation is split over the action of the presbytery in retiring the pastor, Rev. Philo Phelps. Those who were dissatisfied declare that there is no truth in the rumor that Rev. Mr. Phelps' conciliatory sermon, when Revs. McCreary and Mackinnon were "burning up" Archbishop Riordan, had anything to do with his dismissal. They claim that it was because the pastor could not heal a breach in the fold, and because he would not comply with the wish of the elders in calling a general meeting of the church to discuss himself.

Rev. Mr. Phelps has been one of the most earnest ministers that ever preached in Stockton, but his ideas were too liberal for some of the fold and his thoughts too advanced for some of his congregation.

Stocktons vs. "Republicans."

The REPUBLICANS will go to Stockton tomorrow to play ball with the Stocktons. The latter team has been strengthened since it played here, and the Slough City boys promise that the Fresno players will not have so easy a time of it as they did when the Stocktons played here. The REPUBLICANS are not a bit fearful of the outcome, however, and say they will give a good account of themselves. Both the Valley and the Southern Pacific railroads have made special rates for Sunday, and it is believed quite a number of Fresnans will go to Stockton to "root" for the boys.

Its National Significance.

From the Bakersfield Echo.

Fresno's city election is a thing of the past, the Republican ticket having won by large majorities. This fully overcomes all of the apparent Democratic gains in the East recently, and proves conclusively that the people of the country approve the Dingley bill and the new administration generally.

When the spring time comes, "gentle Annie," like all other sensible persons, will cleanse the liver and renovate the system with DeWitt's Little Early Risers, famous little pills for the liver and stomach all the year round. Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

THE COUNTY'S MONEY

It Should Not be Deposited in Banks.

ORDER BY THE SUPERVISORS

Authority Given to Treasurer Whitson Withdrawn by the Board Yesterday.

From Saturday's Daily.

The supervisors yesterday passed an order which may cause considerable trouble. On motion of Supervisor Smith, seconded by Manly, it was "resolved and ordered that the order heretofore made on January 9, 1895, authorizing the county treasurer to deposit in the banks of Fresno such amounts as he may see fit of the county funds be rescinded, revoked and set aside." The clerk was directed to notify Treasurer Whitson of the action of the board.

It is the old question of whether the county treasurer has a right to let the county funds go out of his own possession. This matter received considerable attention from Governor Budd a year and a half or so ago, the Governor claiming that it was a violation of the law for county treasurers to deposit public moneys in the way of special deposits. An opinion from the attorney general was had supporting this view, and the Governor pointed out to the State Bank Commissioners that it was their duty to see that the banks did not violate the law by receiving public moneys except as special deposits. The question caused quite a hubbub at the time, but the excitement soon subsided and it is doubtful if any of the county treasurers paid much attention to the law.

One of the most important arguments made against the law at the time was that the withdrawal of public funds from the different banks of the state would retire a large amount of money from circulation and cause a stringency. It was also put forward that in many of the counties there was no adequate provision for hoarding the public funds and the only safe place in which to keep the money was in the banks. The law in regard to this matter is clear, however, and the Governor insisted upon its observance. Section 87 of the county government act says:

"The county treasurer must keep all moneys belonging to the state or to any county of this state in his own possession until disbursed according to law. He must not place the same in possession of any person to be used for any purpose; nor must he loan or in any manner use, or permit any person to use the same, except as provided by law; but nothing in this section prohibits him from making special deposits for safe-keeping of the public moneys, but he should be liable therefor on his official bond."

In January, 1895, Treasurer Whitson appeared before the supervisors and asked them for authority to deposit the county funds in the several banks of this city, as he did not consider the vault in the court house a safe receptacle. He was given the permission asked for and since then the county funds have been divided among the several banks of this city for safe keeping. During the reconstruction of the court house last winter the treasurer's office was connected with the sheriff's office by means of an electric burglar alarm. Recently the matter of the depositing of the public funds in banks came up for discussion before the supervisors and the district attorney's office was asked for an opinion. Deputy Jones pointed out the section above quoted and the supervisors in order to escape all responsibility rescinded their action of over two years ago.

It was reported yesterday that if Treasurer Whitson withdrew the county deposits from the banks these institutions would retire from his bond. This would be embarrassing, as the county treasurer is required to give a very heavy bond, and it would take a good deal of work and trouble to get bondsmen to take the bankers' places. This report, however, could not be substantiated. Mr. Whitson was asked yesterday afternoon by a REPUBLICAN reporter what action he would take in the matter, but he was not prepared to make any statement. He admitted that the law was plain on the question, but thought it bad policy to keep so large an amount of money in one place. At present there is but $85,000 of the county money distributed among the banks, but very often the amount is much larger. Mr. Whitson had not heard that the bankers would retire from his bond if he withdrew the county deposits and he did not think they would do so. However, it was his intention to seek legal advice on the subject and he would do nothing hastily. He did not consider the action of the board in the nature of an order to take the public moneys from the banks.

A banker expressed himself as follows last evening regarding the action of the supervisors:

"So far as our bank is concerned, it is ready at any time to return its share of the county funds. None of the banks, I presume, would care to take any county money on special deposit. They would not want to be bothered with money which they could not use. So far as the question of safety is concerned the deposit of the county moneys in the different banks certainly seems to be preferable to keeping the entire amount in one place. If a bank should fail only a few thousand dollars would be lost, while if the county funds were kept in the treasurer's office and the vault were robbed, the whole amount would be lost. In addition to going on the treasurer's official bond, each bank gives an indemnity bond for whatever sum he may deposit with it. This almost absolutely guarantees the public against loss. I prefer not to express myself on the question whether the bankers would withdraw from Mr. Whitson's official bond if the county deposits are taken from them, but they would be justified in feeling uneasy over the prospect of so much money lying at the mercy of robbers which, if stolen, they would have to make good.

"I do not think, by the way, that the law has any bearing upon national banks, which are beyond the jurisdiction of the State Bank Commission. The county moneys might be deposited in the national banks, and these in turn could deposit a part of them in the other banks."

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

BEFORE JUDGE RISLEY, DEPARTMENT 1.

Fresno Loan and Savings bank vs. Marcus Pollasky et al.; judgment of foreclosure for $5349.04, $308 attorney fees and costs.

People vs. Jose Freitas Macial; habeas corpus proceedings heard and taken under advisement.

San Francisco and San Joaquin Valley Railroad Company vs. L. W. Klein et al.; motion of plaintiff for an order to be let into possession of the premises described in the complaint upon filing a bond, denied with leave to renew same hereafter if so desired.

BEFORE JUDGE WEBB, DEPARTMENT 2.

People vs. W. A. Sanders; on trial.

William Reed was down from the Lottie K mine yesterday. He was feeling very happy and stated that the mine was panning out excellently.

THE BUSINESS COLLEGE.

Items of Interest in the Several Departments.

From Sunday's Daily.

Miss Ada Cochran, a popular student from Selma, is at her desk again after an extended absence at the bedside of her invalid mother.

Mr. Ball has left temporarily to engage in farming.

The class in literature is reading the plays of Shakespeare. "Macbeth" is receiving its attention at present.

The normal department will hereafter devote an hour each week to the discussion of current events. The pupils are each given some topic to look up and speak upon. In this manner the whole department is kept well informed of the world's happenings.

Miss Houghton is absent from school on account of sickness.

The night school will close on May 1st for the summer. This has been a very popular branch of the institution and of much benefit to the working classes.

The advanced class in algebra is making rapid progress in "radicals."

The Saturday classes in music are making rapid progress under the direction of Professor Swartz. The professor is not only a fine musician, but he is an excellent teacher. He uses the Socratic method of interrogation, considered by educators the best method in existence.

Arrangements are being made for a fine literary and musical entertainment under the direction of the normal department sometime in June. There will be several fine essays and the inevitable class prophecy.

A FUNNY BURLESQUE

Rendered by Christian Church Ladies at DeWitt Hall.

The Ladies Aid Society of the Christian church gave an entertainment last evening at DeWitt hall, which was a very successful affair in every respect. About 400 people were in attendance, and the proceeds will be added to the fund established for the building of a new church.

The feature of the evening was the burlesque entitled, "Ma Sweet and Her Seven Daughters." Mrs. George L. Warlow acted as "Ma Sweet," and she proudly expatiated on the worth of her offspring. She had them all peform before the audience to show how clever they were. The acting was very good, and the burlesque exceedingly humorous. The participants were attired in the style of olden times. Of the seven daughters Mrs. L. O. Stephens was the prima donna, Miss Emma Cameron the woman's rights lecturer, Mrs. W. H. Martin and Mrs. C. J. Craycroft the twins, Mrs. A. D. Chance the dramatic recitationist, Mrs. A. D. Marshall the love-sick, poetical maiden, and Miss Sallie Coleman, the baby.

The performance was followed by a social, during which ice cream, Easter eggs and candies were sold.

ENTERTAINMENT AT EASTON.

A Neat Sum Realized for Improving the Park.

The literary entertainment held at Easton hall on Friday evening was pronounced a success by all who attended, and the people of Washington colony are pleased to know that they have $44.10 more to go toward the improvement of the park. The new music recently received by the Baird orchestra was rendered in their usual acceptable manner to a highly appreciative audience. The pantomime, dialogue and farce called forth much laughter, the parts being well taken.

The recitations by little Miss Delsie Brooks and Miss Ima Johnson and J. E. Dickinson were well rendered. The selection by the Easton male quartet and the solo by Miss Ethel Buckland won merited applause, while the duet by Miss Hilda Anderson and Miss Nellie Ireland received a hearty encore.

All spent an enjoyable evening, and resolved to attend the lawn social to be held in the park four weeks later, the proceeds of which are to be used for the same purpose. ONE PRESENT.

SIMS-OLDHAM.

The Fresno Grocer Weds a Porterville Belle.

From the Porterville Enterprise.

The marriage of Mr. E. E. Sims and Miss Nannie L. Oldham was solemnized last evening at 8 o'clock at the home of the bride's father in Porterville, Rev. I. B. Self of Bakersfield, an old friend of the family, officiating.

The bride is well and favorably known in this community as a most estimable young lady, active in church and school work, having taught several terms in the county. The groom is a young business man of Fresno, a member of the grocery firm of Sims Bros.

Only a few friends were present to witness the ceremony and to enjoy the bountiful repast which followed. The happy couple left on this morning's early train for Fresno, where they will at once begin housekeeping. The good wishes of a large circle of friends here and elsewhere follow them as they start forth on the journey of life together.

PROF. HULTMAN'S CONCERT

Excellent Entertainment at the K Street M. E. Church.

Professor Hultman of Chicago gave a concert on Friday evening at the K street M.E. church, the proceeds of which were contributed to the fund the Swedish congregation is raising to build a church in this city. Professor Hultman is a musician of ability, and the large audience was very much pleased with his entertainment.

His performance on the piano of the "Thunder Storm" was wonderful. He executed the descriptive sounds very cleverly. The Professor then delivered an address.

PERSONALS.

W. M. Hughes is here from Madera.

Orr Haralson of Los Angeles, is in town.

Frank L. Sullivan is down from Oakland.

R. E. Grant of Goshen, is in town on business.

F. M. Cooke of Pollasky, was in town yesterday.

Justice Galloway was in from Oleander yesterday.

Mrs. John Smart of Reedley is visiting in this city.

W. B. Depew was over from Sanger yesterday on business.

Miss Etta Hensley of Madera is visiting friends in this city.

I. McDonald, the night operator at the Postal Telegraph office, has gone to Stockton on a brief visit.

Dr. M. A. Gilreath and wife of Selma, spent yesterday in Fresno.

A. J. Waterhouse went to Selma last evening to visit his mother-in-law.

Sir Nicholas Craven is in town. He will be at Einstein hall tomorrow night.

Mrs. W. Treat of San Francisco, is sojourning in Fresno for the benefit of her health.

D. J. Guggenhime, who is now in business in San Francisco, is in Fresno, being a witness in the Sanders trial.

Mrs. Norton's Funeral.

The funeral of Mrs. A. H. Norton will be held at the Adventist church tomorrow at 3 p.m. The services will be conducted by Rev. J. M. French, pastor of the First Baptist church, of which the deceased was formerly an active member.

GRADY'S CASE A FARCE

His Examination is Held at Last.

DENIES HE BIT THE MAN'S EAR

He "Wasn't Within Biting Distance"—The Case Taken Under Advisement.

From Sunday's Daily.

At last W. D. Grady has had his examination in San Francisco on a charge of mayhem, which he committed in biting off a part of a man's ear. Judge Carroll took the case under advisement, and tomorrow will render a decision.

Yesterday's *Examiner* contains the following account of the examination, which makes highly interesting reading:

A joke of huge proportions was enacted yesterday afternoon in department 3 of the police court. An appreciative audience winked and smiled as the details of the screaming farce followed one another, until the hero of the merry jest, W. D. Grady, and his fellow jokers allowed Acting Police Judge Carroll to ring down the curtain and put out the lights.

Even the presence in court of William Schaefer, whose left ear was bitten off by Grady on the night of January 19th, did not interrupt the success of the farce that has been almost three months in preparation. The positive testimony of three witnesses who saw Gradychew Shaefer's ear, was also powerless to mar the symmetry of the joke. The testimony availed nothing against the mirth-provoking words and acts of the humorous defendant, the attorneys and even the judge. It seemed a fitting end of Grady's record-breaking performance of sixteen continuances and his unequaled exemplification of what can be done with a full-grown police court "pull." There will be another scene on Monday, but it will lack interest because it has been foreshadowed. Judge Carroll has promised to announce on Monday the result of his deliberations on the amusing events of yesterday.

Prosecuting Attorney O'Callaghan, suddenly deserted by the special attorney for the prosecution, was unprepared, but the serious character of Schaeffer's charge could not be entirely suppressed. Mr. Schaeffer took the witness stand and told in his own way, though seriously hampered by the sustained objections of defendant's counsel, how Grady had, without provocation, bitten off a portion of Schaeffer's ear.

William Munch, steward of the Orpheum theater, testified that he had seen Grady bite off a portion of the waiter's ear. Henry Comers, a waiter, and E. M. Rosener, leader of the Orpheum orchestra, also witnessed Grady's act. The testimony against Grady was corroborated by other witnesses. Then the real fun began.

As its first witness, the defense called John Hogan. He said he was present when the trouble occurred, but did not see the ear-biting act.

W. W. Phillips, who knew Grady in Fresno, said he had witnessed the encounter from a distance and could not tell one contestant from the other.

H. G. Stevens, who has drawn $30 from the treasury as witness fees and mileage in this case, confessed to an entire lack of knowledge concerning the affair. He was with Mr. Phillips at the time of the fight, and has attended court regularly ever since. Each time he appeared in court he received $6.50. Of this amount $5 was for mileage from Napa, where he does not live, and $1.50 was for fees allowed by law as a witness from another county.

To make his defense complete, Grady took the stand, and related to the court how he had knocked down two waiters, one with the right hand and the other with the left, and had then threatened to "bite the head and neck off any one that interferred with him." He declared, however, that he "never was within biting distance of Schaefer," and that he could not account for that gentleman's loss of an ear.

Messrs. Foote and Levy declared themselves satisfied with their case, and were willing to submit it without argument. They referred rather contemptuously to the poor showing made by the prosecution, and intimated their belief that the judge would not hesitate for a moment in giving their client his freedom.

Mr. O'Callaghan apologized for himself and asked for a continuance, on the ground that time was necessary for him to prepare a logical argument. The judge agreed to give O'Callaghan until Tuesday. Foote and Levy objected, and the judge reversed himself and denied O'Callaghan an opportunity to present arguments. The prosecuting attorney began another statement, but the judge cut it short by announcing that he would render his decision next Monday. Messrs. Foote and Levy laughed, Grady laughed, the audience laughed, and the joke was over.

But Schaefer, the poor waiter, after suffering from a serious wound, must go through life without his ear, disfigured and distressed, which isn't so great a joke. The law calls these ear-bitings mayhem, and sends men who have not a police court pull to state prison for the offense. On Monday the people will know whether Justice Carroll intends to jest with the law still further and submit to the "pull" of the man-biter.

PERSONALS.

A. Davis is down from Toll House.

Dan Lafferty was over from Sanger yesterday.

W. J. Tinnin has gone to San Francisco on business.

Walter Morrissey, a young business man of Stockton, is in town.

W. Dunbar and wife of Calaveras county are visiting in Fresno.

S. D. Emerson of Kirkwood, Fla., is spending a few days in Fresno.

J. Selby of Quincy, Ill., is investigating the resources of Fresno county.

Miss Galena Conwell is visiting her friend, Miss Edith Doolittle, in this city.

Miss Estella Davis of Ross Valley is visiting Miss Anna Bernhard and Mrs. T. W. Patterson.

Miss Georgia Neese of Selma has returned home after a pleasant visit with Miss Nevada Osburn.

J. D. Leffingwell, advance agent of the Otis Skinner Dramatic Company, was in town yesterday.

Robert Rader and wife are up from Randsburg. They will return to their home there this morning.

Rev. O. E. Squires, who has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. Jacob Weaver, has returned to his charge at Merced.

A Bad Indian Caught.

Constable A. Adams brought an Indian named Jim Batsen over from Firebaugh Sunday night and booked him at the county jail on the charge of committing an infamous crime. Batsen had a bullet hole in his left side, where he was shot by Deputy Constable W. W. Adams while trying to escape. It was the deputy constable, a son of the constable, who made the arrest. The wound is not a serious one and is giving the Indian very little trouble.

The board of education has accepted the resignation of Mrs. Abbie H. Curran, teacher of languages at the high school.

A CHANCE TO REFORM.

Four Young Robbers Released Pending Good Behavior.

Arshag Ashderian, Chester and Chas. Bartholomew and Leo Brown were before Judge Risley yesterday for sentence. They are four of the five young robbers who were engaged in holding up Chinese and Japanese laborers in the country, and who were arrested about two weeks ago. Brown was represented by W. D. Crichton and the others by Collins & Conn.

The time for passing sentence was indefinitely postponed by the court according to stipulation. There is hope that the boys will reform, and they have suffered considerably already. None had ever been in similar trouble before, and it was deemed best to give them another chance. They have been released on bail, and will be allowed their liberty pending good behavior. Should they backslide judgment in the cases hanging over them will be passed.

Nothing has been done in the case of Ed Hurlburt, the young robber whom Farmer Hays shot in the arm in capturing him. He is still at the county hospital having the wound treated.

DEATH OF ABRAM WENDELL.

Was Formerly a Printer—A Brother of Mrs. Ashbrook.

Abram Wendell, brother of Mrs. M. V. Ashbrook, died of consumption at his home above Letcher, this county, on the morning of the 18th instant and was buried at the Academy cemetery yesterday.

Mr. Wendell was a printer by profession. He learned his trade with Frank A. Leech in Vallejo in the early seventies. After a number of years in Vallejo he worked on the San Francisco dailies until about three years ago, when he abandoned the printer's case in the hopes of gaining health and a livelihood in the foothills of Fresno.

Mascial Discharged.

Judge Risley yesterday ordered Jose Freitas Mascial released from custody. The prisoner was in jail awaiting trial on a charge of keeping his wife in a house of ill repute, and the court discharged him because his trial was not called within sixty days after the filing of the information against him, as is required by law.

THE SPRING MEETING

LIST OF ENTRIES IN THE SEVERAL EVENTS.

Some Very Fast Horses Will Appear—The Railroads Make Special Rates.

The spring race meeting of the Fresno Jockey Club will open at the fair grounds on April 27th and last four days. The indications point to one of the most successful spring meetings ever held in Fresno, and it is expected that the attendance will be very satisfactory.

That the interest of horsemen throughout the state has been enlisted in this meeting is shown by the large number of entries in the several events. Some of the horses to appear at the track are very speedy, and good time is expected. The track will be in fine condition by the time the meet opens, and Secretary Rockman has made every necessary arrangement for the entertainment and comfort of visitors. It is believed that there will be a large outside attendance, as Secretary Rockman has secured a special rate of one fare and a third from the railroads. As a further inducement there will be attached to each railroad ticket coupons admitting the holders to the racetrack free of charge.

The several events and the horses entered in them follow. The name of the owner follows that of each horse:

First day, April 27th—¾ mile dash, entries: Durango, B. F. Hobart owner; Grady, Owens Bros. owner; Defender, F. G. Berry owner; Woodchopper, Monroe Johnson owner; Monita, Henry Schwartz owner; Jim Bozeman, F. M. Starkey owner; Miss Gentry, W. H. Swift owner; Myrtle H., D. J. McCarthy owner; Talbot Clifton, D. J. McCarthy owner; Guadaloupe, E. Fallon owner; Leon, P. Weber owner; Spry Lark, M. Quinn owner; Lady Hurst, Lee Shaner owner.

One-fourth mile and repeat: Sontag, Josh Burrows; Tocoleta, L. Stoltz; Lady Kern, George Tibbets; King Alph, L. Hart; Silver Tail, T. A. Kelly; Los Banos Kid, Davis & Dennison; Jennie D., E. Lowery; Stocking, L. F. Walker.

Five-eighths mile: Christina, B. F. Hobart; Trilby, George Tibbets; Polaski, Owens Bros.; Quicksilver, Frank Calloway; Sharon Lass, G. L. Waring; Hymn, Turner & Wilson; Nevita, George Rose; Pleasanton, D. J. McCarthy; Jake Rauer, D. J. McCarty; Mt. Carlos, M. Quinn; Detective, W. F. Soto; Iritator, Lee Shaner.

Second day, April 28th—9-16 mile: Durango, B. F. Hobart; Polaski, Owens Bros.; Redlight, L. Hart; Defender, F. G. Berry; Quicksilver, Frank Callaway; Mendicant, Davis & Dennison; Principal Henry Schwartz; Myrtle H., D. J. McCarty; Talbot Clifton, D. J. McCarty; Spry Lark, M. Quinn; Stocking, L. F. Walker.

Half a mile, for ponies: McKinley, Josh Burrows; Lady Fint, Gus Luther; Pavo, L. Stoltz; Lady Kern, George Tibbets; Chappie, Henry Schwartz; N Ray, Jessie Saloman; Red Jacket, G. L. Warring; Pern, T. A. Kelly; Liby D., Lindesy.

Three-eighths of a mile and repeat: Sontag, Josh Burrows; Tocolete, L. Stoltz; Lady Kern, George Tibbets; Silver Tail, T. A. Kelly; Los Banos Kid, Davis & Dennison; Iron Jacket, Gus Luther; Guadaloupe, E. Fallon; Jennie D., E. Lowry; Detective, W. F. Soto.

Third day, April 29th—⅞ mile: Christine, B. F. Hobart; Grady, Owens Bros.; Rosello, G. S. Treadwell; Sharon Lass, G. L. Waring; Woodchopper, Monroe Johnson; Hyman, Turner & Wilson: Monita, Henry Schwartz; Pleasanton, D. J. McCarty; Jake Rauer, D. J. McCarty; Iritator, Lee Shaner; Lady Hurst, Lee Shaner; Flamboette, Lee Shaner.

Half mile and repeat: Trilby, Geo. Tibbett; Polaski, Owens Bros.; King Alph, L. Hart; Nevita, Geo. Rose; Jim Bozeman, F. M. Starky; Miss Gentry, W. H. Swift; Myrtle H, D. J. McCarty; Mt. Carlos, M. Quinn; Detective, W. F. Soto.

One and one-sixteenth miles, hurdle: Moss Terry, Ed Finn; Guld Dust, Owens Bros.; Hyman, Turner & Wilson; Bob Fitzsimmons, Davis & Dennison; Guadaloupe, E. Fallon.

Fourth day, April 30th — 1 mile: Christine, B. F. Hobart; Grady, Owens Bros.; Rosello, G. S. Treadwell; Woodchopper, Monroe Johnson; Hyman, Turner & Wilson; Monita, Henry Schwartz; Pleasanton, D. J. McCarty; Lady Hurst, Lee Shaner; Flamboette, Lee Shaner.

Five-eighths mile: Durango, B. F. Hobart; Polaski, Owens Bros.; Redlight, L. Hart; Defender, F. G. Berry; Quicksilver, Frank Calloway; Principal, George Rose; Myrtle H, D. J. McCarty; Talbot Clifton, D. J. McCarty; Mendicant, Davis & Dennison; Spry Lark, M. Quinn.

Five-eighths mile, ponies: Lady Flint, Gus Luther; Pavo, L. Stoltz; Chappie, Henry Schwartz; Red Jacket, G. L. Waring.

Trotting and pacing, 2.50 class district—Topsy J, C. C. Staats; Nellie Bly, Owens Bros.; Corel, E. C. Buchanan; Maid of Erin, S. Dunlap, Bolinas, F. P. Wickersham.

A SERIOUS SITUATION

The Vine Pest Doing Much Damage.

PROF. WOODWORTH ARRIVES

Experiments With Washes Not Satisfactory—Farmers' Club Meets Tomorrow.

From Tuesday's Daily.

In response to the telegram to Professor Hilgard by the Fresno County Farmers' Club, sent last Saturday afternoon, Professor C. W. Woodworth, one of the faculty experts on entomology, arrived in Fresno Sunday night and was out on a tour of inspection early yesterday morning.

He visited the Barton and other vineyards east of the city, went through Easterby rancho and Alex Gordon's vineyard in the forenoon and in the afternoon visited other vineyards west of the city, all of which he found more or less affected by the pest.

It is now known that the hoppers are "holdovers" from last year's vintage which have survived the winter, and are now lively as ever and exceedingly hungry. Vineyards that were winter ploughed and ploughed deep are the least infested with hoppers. This would suggest a future line of preventive policy on the part of vineyardists, but does not offer any present relief.

The investigation will be pursued closely by Professor Woodworth with a view of determining the true character and habits of the thrips and discovering a method for their extermination.

To the end of fully discussing the matter, hearing reports of the experts, and of experiments made by members there will be a called meeting of the Farmers' Club at the Chamber of Commerce rooms on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 1.30 p.m., for the benefit of members only.

All members of the club are earnestly requested to be in attendance prepared to report on the condition of vineyards in their vicinity, the extent of damage done, of remedies applied, and their effect—whether good or bad—and to thoroughly discuss all the features of the situation.

Examinations made yesterday show that the situation is a serious one, more serious in fact than was at first supposed. Even the most conservative vineyardists now admit that the coming vintage is in jeopardy and that the danger is great. It is not confined to any particular section of the county, but everywhere the hoppers swarm over the young shoots, suck out the sap and vitality of the leaves and fruit forms and leave the vines looking either sickly, as if diseased; the young shoots and fruit forms lopped over, as if wilted or nipped by frost, or, where the damage is greater, the leaves curl up and turn black, as if frostbitten.

This is the work of the "hold-over" thrip from last year, and since so much damage is being done by this remnant from last year's crop, the vineyardists are naturally very apprehensive about the condition of things when the eggs in the ground are hatched.

Professor Woodworth was seen at the Hughes by a REPUBLICAN reporter last evening just as he was writing a report of his investigations for Professor Hilgard. The Professor stated that the situation was more serious than he had expected, the thrips being more abundant this year than they have ever been before so early in the spring. It was the first time, he said, that he had known this insect to produce curl of the young leaves and it reminded him somewhat of the Santa Clara hopper. He thought that if something was not done within two weeks to stop the ravages of the pest it would cause the buds to drop and destroy the first crop of grapes.

The Professor stated that the experiments made by him yesterday were with washes, the ingredients being whale-oil soap, quassia, soft soap, etc., but they were all far from satisfactory. Unless the hopper is made "demned moist," as Mr. Mantalini might say, these washes are ineffective. They would have to be applied quite often to reach all the hoppers and this would be very expensive. It was clear that the Professor put very little reliance in them. His experiments today will be conducted on a different line. He will see what can be accomplished with the "hopper-dozer," a contrivance that is used in some of the western states to get rid of grass-hoppers. The contrivance will, of course, have to be changed to meet the different conditions here. It consists of a surface on which a sticky preparation is spread. Where this device is used for grass-hoppers it is dragged along the ground by a horse. The hoppers alight on it, are held fast and die a sticky death. Here, of course, a different method of using it would have to be pursued. It is many times cheaper than any wash that could be used and also more effective. The question, as stated before, is how to adapt the device to local conditions.

THRIVING SANGER.

Heavy Shipments of Lumber to Outside Points.

From the Sanger Herald.

Sanger is still on the map. The town is doing business at the same old stand and whether or not that business amounts to any considerable factor can best be determined by a glance at Station Agent E. S. Southworth's books at the Southern Pacific depot, showing the amount of freight forwarded from this place during the past week.

The Sanger Lumber Company shipped two carloads of poles to Famosa, which will be utilized in extending the Mt. Whitney telephone line to Bakersfield; also a carload of sash and doors to Los Angeles; two carloads of lumber and millwork to Alcalde, which will be hauled by teams to the Fresno Hot Springs and utilized in the construction of a large hotel; a carload of lumber to Nogales, Arizona; one each to Colorado Springs and Boulder, N. M.; one carload of pencil stock to Germany. Besides there were a dozen carloads of wheat shipped from Kutner & Co.'s warehouse, which cleans up all of last year's wheat crop, and two carloads of wood to D. C. Sample.

The aggregate value of these shipments runs away up into the thousands. We have not the figures at hand to determine the exact value of the products shipped out during the week, but it represents a handsome sum and will put many a dollar in local commercial channels. Altogether there is very little cause for complaint at the way things are coming.

Constable Smith's Whiskers.

Constable D. C. Smith of Bardley appears to be playing in hard luck. Last Saturday, during a brief respite from official cares, he was earning an honest dollar or two painting the interior of a saloon an ultramarine blue. Suddenly he slipped off the scaffolding, and in falling his luxuriant whiskers made intimate acquaintance with the interior of the paint pot, to the great enhancement of their beauty. Constable Smith, however, didn't think blue whiskers in style, so he hastened to get the paint off as quick as he could. And now he is being again unmercifully joshed by the Reedleyites.

John W. Howell of Madera spent yesterday in Fresno.

IT WAS A GREAT GAME

The K.-G.'s and R. & K.'s Play for Sweet Charity.

ABE KUTNER'S TERRIFIC SLIDE

Victory Perched on the Kutner-Goldstein's Bat—Oh, What Lots of Fun.

Charity baseball is usually a success and Sunday's game between the Kutner-Goldstein Company and White Front Stores nines was no exception to the rule. The public is generally liberal in its patronage of the sports furnished at Athletic Park, but when they are given in the cause of charity, their popularity rises a hundred per cent.

The size of the crowd assembled to witness the game between the K.-G.'s and the R. & K.'s was without precedent. Never before was so enthusiastic a gathering of spectators at the park, or one more thoroughly satisfied with the sport furnished than that which rooted, hooted and scooted in and about the bleachers. Everybody seemed to be having "barrels of fun."

There were seventeen official scorers upon the grounds and when the game was concluded no two could agree upon the score. They all were certain that 56 runs had been scored, but the number which each team had tallied was the point in dispute. The best way out of the dilemma was to strike a general average, and that made the score: K.-G.'s 32, R. & K.'s 24.

The time of game was 3 hours and 20 minutes and no man on either side lost less than eight pounds avoirdupois.

The game itself baffles description, but individual plays of striking brilliancy were made by members of both sides.

In the fourth inning Abe Kutner slid 6 feet 6½ inches on his left ear and reached third base safely amid the applause of the spectators. The ball was in deep right field at the time, but that didn't matter—it was a good slide anyhow.

The score by innings is as follows:

K.-G.'s	1	2	5	5	3	4	5	1	—	—32
R. & K.'s	0	0	4	4	1	12	1	0	2	—24

NOTES.

Clifton played a good game at short. At first sight he reminds one of—but that's another matter.

Sosar was very strong at the bat.

The R. & K.'s "didn't do a t'ing" in the sixth but score twelve runs.

Manager Penn fined himself $10 for poor playing and then retired himself to the field.

"Little" Arthur Rowe would be better appreciated if he would sit on the fence and do his rooting from that vantage ground.

The San Francisco *Examiners* and FRESNO REPUBLICANS play next Sunday.

A revolution in baseball circles.

Lots of fun.

After expenses are paid the orphans will receive about $125.

The Penn was rusty.

The boys had lots of fun and so did the spectators. The cause was certainly a noble one and the efforts of all connected with the game are praiseworthy. The boys did well and are satisfied. The outcome of the game was but a secondary consideration after all.

WAS STOCKTON'S GAME

"REPUBLICANS" DEFEATED AT THE SLOUGH CITY.

Umpire Arnold Makes Several Rank Decisions at the Fresno Boys' Expense.

The FRESNO REPUBLICAN baseball team returned from Stockton late Sunday night. Their game with the Stocktons ended in their defeat with a score of 8 to 6. The game was hotly contested and exciting from start to finish, and errors were few and far between. The Fresno boys were put at a disadvantage by several rank decisions made by Umpire Arnold of Stockton, who was a shining example of incompetency. The Stockton "cranks" were disgusted with his "rankness" and were not at all chary of expressing their feelings.

Umpire Charles Burleigh of Fresno was well received and his impartiality favorably commented upon.

The Slough City lads changed their pitcher at the last minute by putting Iberg of the San Franciscos in the box in place of Russell.

Iberg pitched a good game, striking out six men and giving but two bases on balls.

The game was played in a drenching rain and the grounds were in a miserable condition. Jack McCarthy has signed with the REPUBLICANS and will play short stop in the future. He played a good game at Stockton. Following is the score.

Stocktons	AB	R	BH	SB	PO	A	E
H. White, c f	5	1	2	1	0	0	0
Peters, c	5	2	2	0	6	1	0
Lockhead, ss	5	1	3	0	2	4	1
Smith, 2b	5	0	2	0	4	1	2
Stewart, 1b	5	0	1	0	7	0	1
Chase, l f	5	0	1	0	0	0	0
McDaniel, r f	5	2	3	0	1	0	1
M. White, 3d b	5	1	2	2	4	0	1
Iberg, p	5	1	1	1	3	3	0
Totals	45	8	17	4	23	9	6

"REPUBLICAN"	AB	R	BH	SB	PO	A	E
Hayes, lf	5	0	2	1	7	1	0
Gilbert, cf	5	1	0	1	2	0	0
Chance, c	5	1	2	0	4	1	2
Jack McCarthy, ss	5	1	1	1	1	1	1
Joe McCarty, 1b	4	1	0	1	2	0	0
Decker, 2d	4	1	0	0	2	1	0
Renas, r f	4	1	0	0	2	1	0
Brittan, 3b	3	1	0	1	3	2	1
Balsz, p	3	0	1	0	2	2	1
Totals	40	6	6	5	27	9	5

RUNS BY INNINGS.

	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	
Stockton	2	0	1	0	0	5	0	0	1	8
"REPUBLICAN"	2	0	0	0	0	4	0	0	0	—6

SUMMARY.

Earned runs—Stockton 2. Three-base hit—Lockhead. Two-base hits—Smith, Lockhead, H. White, Balsz, Hayes. Sacrifice hit—Smith. Double plays—Hays to Decker. Hit by pitcher—M. White. Base on balls—By Balsz 3, by Iberg 2. Struck out—By Balsz 4, by Iberg 6. Left on bases—Stockton 0, REPUBLICANS 2. Passed balls—Chance 1. Wild pitches—Balsz 1. Umpires—Arnold and Burleigh. Scorer—J. S. Harlan. Time of game—2 hours and 35 minutes.

A Pleasant Party.

Mr. and Mrs. George Jennings gave a party Thursday evening in honor of their guest, Miss Vandevere of Tulare. There were present: Mr. and Mrs. Charles Berry, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Norris, Miss Mae Johnson, Miss Ellen Meade, Miss Stella Meade and Messrs. Tom Lynch, Clarence Vincent, Abe Kutner and Al Freman. The early hours of the evening were devoted to music and games, and later on refreshments were served. The affair was a very enjoyable one.

Fire Near Fowler.

About 5 o'clock last evening the residences of C. C. Hutchinson and that of his father, two and a half miles northwest of Fowler, in Marden colony, were burned to the ground. They were substantial residences and the loss must have been considerable. Part of the furniture was saved by neighbors. No one was at home at the time and it is not known how the fire originated.

IT WAS A TIE VOTE

Between Shanklin and Madson for Clerk.

SPECIAL ELECTION TO BE HELD

Returns of the City Election Officially Counted—Craycroft Re-elected Chairman.

From Tuesday's Daily.

The City Board of Trustees met last night in regular session and made the official count of the municipal election. The result showed that J. W. Shanklin, the Republican candidate, and Theo. Madson, who was nominee of the Democrats and Populists, had tied, each receiving a total of 686 votes. A special election will have to be held to decide the tie.

The city hall was filled with spectators who had come to witness the opening of the official returns. The candidates, both successful and defeated, were there in full force. Great interest was manifested in the vote for the clerkship, for the count was to settle the question of election, both Shanklin and Madson claiming to have won.

The board canvassed the returns very carefully, and this, together with a number of disputes, drew out the meeting to an inordinate length. The board did not adjourn till after midnight. Judge M. K. Harris was on hand as attorney for the Democratic central committee, while Judge Stanton L. Carter watched the proceedings as the representative of the Republicans.

In the First precinct the official returns showed that the first returns, which were copied from the tally lists before these were sealed, were incorrect. The correct vote was 11 for Dennett, 29 for Madson and 33 for Shanklin. The first report was 30 for Madson and 43 for Shanklin. This was a loss of four votes for the Republican candidate, and as Madson was only three votes behind him according to the first returns, this made the Populist a winner by one vote.

In the Eighth precinct, however, Shanklin gained one vote, and this tied him with Madson. The total on the tally list gave the Republican candidate 54 votes, but in scrutinizing the count for the clerkship it was found that six votes were recorded in one tally. There were five perpendiculars besides the diagonal or tally mark. In totalizing, however, these six votes had been counted as a tally of five votes.

Judge Harris contended that they should be counted only as five votes, but the board thought differently and counted six.

The only other correction of the unofficial returns published in the REPUBLICAN the morning after the election was in the Tenth precinct, where J. M. Collins, for assessor, received 76 votes, five more than he was credited with in this paper. Other than these the returns published in the REPUBLICAN were correct, including the vote by precincts and the totals.

The following are the totals as shown by the official count:

O. J. Graycroft 256, W. P. Nelson 206; Craycroft's majority 49.

Joseph Spinney 199, J. A. Klee 112, G. W. Johnson 6, Grant Nelson 15; Spinney's plurality 87.

J. W. Shanklin 686, Madson 686, Dennet 240; no choice.

Lewis H. Smith 1025, N. C. Coldwell 565; Smith's majority 460.

M. L. Woy 872, S. S. Crutcher 757; Woy's majority 115.

Charles H. Swett 870, W. H. McKenzie 740; Swett's majoirty 130.

A. M. Clark 891, M. V. Ashbrook 715; Clark's majority 176.

J. M. Collins 910, J. M. Statham 662; Collins' majority 248.

G. M. Edmunds 530, O. L. Everts 791, S. L. Hogue 926, George B. Noble 861, L. O. Stephens 990, C. L. Walter 764; Hogue's plurality over Everts, 137; Noble's 70; Stephens', 199.

The count proceeded tediously, but without serious obstacles till the Fifth precinct was reached. Here no returns were found. The package contained all the necessary papers except the tally list, the most important of all. It was at first supposed that it had been sealed by mistake in the package containing the ballots. It was at first proposed to open this, but the law states explicitly that only a court can do this. Meantime H. Ford, who had acted as inspector of the election board, was sent for to bring his duplicate tally list. He opened the sealed package intrusted to his care in the presence of the board and, lo and behold! there were both the tally lists. The one which should have been locked in the vault at the clerk's office and guarded with all possible care during the past week had been snugly laid away in Mr. Ford's bureau drawer at home.

Mr. Ford was sworn and he stated that the returns had not been tampered with, and upon this showing the board accepted the tally list and counted it.

The election board of this precinct seemed to have been very careless, and their records were full of glaring irregularities. For example, the clerk before whom the other members made oath as such election officers appended their names instead of having them subscribe themselves.

In the Seventh precinct the tally list was in the same package with the ballots. After considerable discussion it was decided to extract the returns and count them.

Only one precinct had its returns in a shape conforming strictly with the requirements of the law. That was the Ninth. In all the others there were irregularities of more or less importance.

After the votes had been counted and the results declared, with the exception of the clerkship, in which case it was agreed that there was no choice, the new officers were sworn in by Clerk Shanklin. Mayor Craycroft then retired from the chair and in a few words stated that he believed the board had acted for the best interests of the city during the past two years.

In the organization of the new board Craycroft was nominated by Chittenden for temporary chairman. Then Austin moved and Spinney seconded that Craycroft be made permanent chairman, and the motion prevailed, Chittenden, Austin and Spinney voting aye. McVey would not vote.

It was now past midnight, and the board adjourned till tonight, when it will select the city employes, including members of the police and fire departments, for the next two years.

The special election to be held to elect a clerk will be called by the board in the near future. A motion that it be called at once failed last night, but the delay will be only a few days.

Besides making the official count last night the board gave the German Foresters permission to stretch a banner across Mariposa street advertising their May Day picnic.

Mayor Craycroft stated that the committee to which had been referred the preparation of specifications for the new contract for lighting the streets during the coming year had decided to advertise for bids to have the lighting done on both schedules—all night and the moonlight. Both systems of poles, the yardmasts and the cable suspension, can be used as far as they extend at present, and the cable where new poles are to be placed. This would give both the old and new electric companies opportunities to bid.

At the request of Mr. Decker of the old company the matter went over for thirty days.

A petition from Mrs. George Rupert for a rebate of $60 on her husband's saloon license was granted. Mr. Rupert sent in a petition at the last meeting of the board and it was denied. Since then he assigned the claim to his wife, and she stated in her communication to the board that she was in great need of the money. Upon this statement the petition was granted.

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

BEFORE JUDGE RISLEY, DEPARTMENT 1.

People vs. Arshag Ashderian, Charles and Chester Bartholomew and Leo Brown; ordered that the time for pronouncing judgment and sentence herein be continued by consent of defendants to such time as may hereafter be determined upon.

People vs. Jose Freitas Mascial; petitioner ordered discharged from custody because of failure to try him within sixty days after filing of information.

J. O. Byxbee vs. Henry Dewey; motion of defendant to strike out from cost bill $60 for transcribing testimony granted.

E. R. Otis vs. B. E. Zimmerman; Statement settled and April 21st at 9 a.m. fixed as time for hearing motion for a new trial.

Louis Rowe vs. Ella Donahoo, administratrix, et al.; judgment of foreclosure for $1607.77 and costs; F. M. Helm appointed commissioner.

Aurora Distillery Company vs. F. Donley; dismissed.

Peterson vs. Erickson; dismissed.

B. F. Leathers vs. L. D. Scott; trial set for April 29th at 9 a.m.

Estate of Joseph F. Elliott, deceased; petition of F. R. Brown for letters of administration granted.

Estate of Peter Griest; final accounting submitted.

J. W. Hall vs. William Barnett; dismissed according to stipulation.

Ebel Schell vs. John Albin; trial set for April 22d.

BEFORE JUDGE WEBB, DEPARTMENT 2.

People vs. W. A. Sanders, forgery; on trial.

Panniers in Bloom Again.

Panniers, those delightful, useful fripperies made famous by Dolly Varden and associated forever with demure little Dresden china shepherdesses, are again worn. Their place is on evening gowns, and the design comes from no less an authority than Worth. The plain, undraped skirt is growing a bit wearisome, and this happy suggestion of relief will be enthusiastically taken up. Perhaps it is the prelude to the actual overskirt, which was thought to have been well gotten rid of some four or five years ago. At all events the pretty little side draperies have returned and they are welcome. The Worth designs show almost exact reduplications of the familiar Dolly Varden patterns—the skirt is a little short, not very full and with a quilted effect in front, and the panels full and fluffy, meeting at front and back. To be quite in conformity with the new style the skirt should be of plain material and the panels of figured. —Philadelphia Times.

A Child's Gown.

A pretty little gown for a child, called the tot dress, is formed of a rich shade of crimson French cashmere. The front of the rather short waist is trimmed with large flat cream white cashmere revers edged with narrow, dark red gimp laid in two straight rows. The revers form a large sailor collar at the back, and in front border a pointed plastron of the white cashmere striped horizontally all the way down with the gimp. The sleeves, full to several inches below the elbow, are gathered into deep white cuffs bordered with the gimp. The kilted skirt has a wide hem brier stitched at the top with cream white silk.—New York Post.

Office Girls.

They are introducing office girls in Chicago, and those who have them in their employ are very well pleased with them. They say that the office girl is superior to the office boy in many particulars. In the first place she does not smoke cigarettes. As a rule she has absolutely no taste for dime novels. She is usually bright, quick and energetic, and ever so much cleaner and neater than any boy can be. Testimony upon this point is almost unanimous, and most of those who have tried office girls declare that never again will they have an office boy around the premises.—Boston Herald.

"THE NEW CREATION."

LIONEL DALTON'S NEW PLAY A SUCCESS.

Brilliant Gathering of Society People at Einstein Hall Last Night.

The seating capacity of Einstein hall was taxed to its utmost last night by an intelligent and refined audience of Fresno's representative people to witness the first public performance of Mr. Lionel Dalton's four-act comedy, which is called "The New Creation." The play was written by an amateur and the players were amateurs from first to last, so the performance must be judged from that standpoint. And considering that some of performers had never before appeared in a play of any kind, it must be said that they displayed marked ability in some of the scenes and the play went along very smoothly, the only hitches noticeable being in the sliding curtain improvised for the occasion. But these little mishaps only seemed to create more laughter. Altogether the performance may be termed a success from an artistic and a financial point of view, and those who went there to be amused were not disappointed.

As for the plot, there was little else to it but what is generally found in comedies of a light nature. Every one in the play was in love with some one, and in the last act the lovers were all brought together, married, and, we presume, lived happily ever afterwards.

Miss Sallie Coleman as Bessie Purdon put a great deal of feeling into her work and as the love-lorn maiden was quite a success. She looked charming as well. Kittie Craven was just the part in looks and actions for Miss Roberta Thompson, whose portrayal of the role was excellent. She has that light, buoyant nature just suited to such parts, and her pretty face and figure helped materially to make a success of the role given her.

Sister Clara could not have been in better hands than those of Miss Ellen Meade. She spoke her lines in an impressive manner and the wonder to us was that her patient (she played the part of the hospital nurse) ever fully recovered, the temptation was so strong to have such a charming and sympathetic nurse about one all the time. But men are such unromantic things, you know.

Fred W. Roeding made a capital Jack Dance, but he had to play the part of a cold and sarcastic lover, which, we think, was not exactly in his line. With such a sweetheart as Miss Thompson to lure him on the wonder to us was that he didn't quite forget his lines. Brother George—well, as Brother George was not in the play perhaps we had better not speculate on what "might have been."

Lionel Dalton as Arthur had rather a hard part to portray, and in his earnestness it seemed at times that he almost forgot his lines. He gave a good account of himself, however. B. J. Metzler as Sir Nicholas Craven, aside from a habit of frequent repetitions of his "one" words, gave a good account of himself. Mr. Monteagle in the double roles of Mr. Pettigrew and Bruce, the servant, was well received, especially in the last role, in which he created a good deal of laughter.

The stage settings were excellent and the young ladies looked charming in their pretty costumes. The performance was for the benefit of the Episcopal church.

After the comedy the floor was cleared and the young folks enjoyed an hour or more of dancing. Miss Genevieve Swain was the pianiste of the evening and acquitted herself very creditably.

STEELE PENN.

Decoration Day.

Red Banks Cemetery Association has set April 30th as a permanent decoration day. MRS. E. L. ELMORE, Secretary.

When a cold is contracted, cure it at once. One Minute Cough Cure will set you on the road to recovery in a minute. It will cure pneumonia, bronchitis, croup and all forms of lung and throat troubles. Dr. C. Pattlock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

This Is Your Opportunity.

On receipt of ten cents, cash or stamps, a generous sample will be mailed of the most popular Catarrh and Hay Fever Cure (Ely's Cream Balm) sufficient to demonstrate the great merits of the remedy.

ELY BROTHERS,
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Rev. John Reid, Jr., of Great Falls, Mont., recommended Ely's Cream Balm to me. I can emphasize his statement, "It is a positive cure for catarrh if used as directed."—Rev. Francis W. Poole, Pastor Central Pres. Church, Helena, Mont.

Ely's Cream Balm is the acknowledged cure for catarrh and contains no mercury nor any injurious drug. Price, 50 cents.

FOR COUGHS AND COLDS,
"974"
The best family medicine,
Guaranteed by
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BANKING HOUSES.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

—OF—

THE FARMERS' BANK OF FRESNO

Showing its financial condition at the close of business January 1st, 1897.

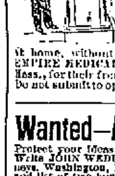
RESOURCES.

Bank premises, furniture and fixtures	$15,000 00
Other Real Estate	46,741 57
Loans and Discounts	253,819 46
Wheat Loans	9,003 00
County Warrants	100 00
Collections in transit	5,555 17
Other Assets	9.2 24
Cash on Hand	74,886 47
Due from Banks	20,963 81
Total Resources	$520,031 71

LIABILITIES.

Capital St	$250,000 00
Reserve Fund	10,000 00
Undivided Profits	15,053 97
Certified Checks	20 00
Due Depositors	244,927 74
Total Liabilities	$520,031 71

A Wonderful Book.



Gentlemen: this book contains a wonderful announcement, and gives accurate information in regard to A successful remedy for removing urethral stricture. For overcoming and reducing enlarged and irritation of the prostate gland. For removing urethral obstruction, inflammation and chronic mucous discharges. This remedy avoids operation, requires no instruments, is free from pain and danger. It is safe, scientific and practical, curing fully at home, without loss of time. Write to the EMPIRE MEDICAL CO., 40 Smith Bldg., Boston, Mass., for their free book describing this remedy. Do not submit to operation until you investigate.

Wanted—An Idea Who can think of some simple thing to patent? Protect your ideas; they may bring you wealth. Write JOHN WEDDERBURN & CO., Patent Attorneys, Washington, D. C., for their $1,800 prize offer and list of two hundred inventions wanted.

TAKEN UP—ONE SORREL MARE, SMALL star in face, right hind ankle white, light mane and tail; one sorrel horse, blaze face and four white legs; one sorrel horse, right hind foot white; one sorrel horse, blaze face and right hind leg white, has been cut on left hind leg; age about three years. Inquire G. W. Hopkins, Centerville. wa2tf

Notice to Creditors.

In the Superior court of the county of Fresno, state of California.

In the matter of M. J. Lee, an insolvent debtor.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN TO ALL THE creditors who have proved their claims against the above named insolvent to appear before the said court, at the court room of Department No. 1 thereof, on the 3d day of May, 1897, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., and show cause if any they have why the said M. J. Lee insolvent, should not be discharged from all his debts, in accordance with the statutes in such cases made and provided.

Dated March 24, 1897. T. G. HART, Clerk.

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Notice.

To the stockholders of Liberty Canal Company.

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED THAT THE annual meeting of the stockholders of the Liberty Canal Company will be held at the [illegible] o'clock a.m. on Saturday, the eighth day of May, 1897, to elect [illegible] thereof for the ensuing year and [illegible] any other business that may come before the meeting. [illegible], Secretary.

Trustees' Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, JACOB AUCK AND HIS WIFE, [illegible] executed a certain deed of trust to Ed. R. Hamilton and Wm. P. Coleman on May [illegible], and recorded May [illegible] in book [illegible] of deeds, at page [illegible] records of Fresno county, state of California, said deed of trust conveying the real property herein [illegible] for the purpose of securing the payment [illegible] promissory note made [illegible] has been made in the payment of [illegible] and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust [illegible] of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on April 23d, 1897, between the hours [illegible] in front of the court house door in the city of Fresno [illegible] the certain real property [illegible] county of Fresno, state [illegible] and described as follows, to-wit:

[illegible] with all the improvements [illegible] water ditches and privileges that [illegible]

ED. R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
W. P. COLEMAN, Trustee.

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Trustees' Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, SARAH [illegible], a widow, executed a certain deed of trust to Ed R. Hamilton and Wm. P. Coleman December 1st, 1890 and recorded December 8th, 1890, in book 114 of deeds, at page 175 and following, records of Fresno county, state of California, said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described, for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain promissory note made [illegible] Sarah M. Gearhart; and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust and upon application of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on April 23d, 1897, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a.m., in front of the court house door in the City of Fresno, County of Fresno, State of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, in United States gold coin, all the certain real property situate in the County of Fresno, State of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

The northwest quarter of section twenty-five (25), in township fifteen (15) south, range twenty-one (21) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water rights, water ditches and privileges that are in any way connected with, used or appertain to said land.

ED. R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
W. P. COLEMAN, Trustee.

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Trustees' Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, JOHN H. CADWALLADER AND his wife, Belle D. Cadwallader, executed a certain deed of trust to Ed. R. Hamilton and Wm P. Coleman December 5th, 1891, and recorded December 12th, 1891, in book 129 of deeds, at page 2 and following, records of Fresno county, state of California; said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain promissory note made by the said John H. Cadwallader and Belle D. Cadwallader, and whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust and upon application of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on April 23d, 1897, between the hours of 10 and 11 o'clock a.m., in front of the courthouse door, in the city of Fresno county of Fresno, State of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, all the certain real property situate in the county of Fresno, State of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

The east half of the southwest quarter of section seven (7), in township thirteen (13) south, range twenty-two (22) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water rights, water ditches and privileges that are in any way connected with, used or appertain to said land.

ED. R. HAMILTON, Trustee.
W. P. COLEMAN, Trustee.

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Trustees' Sale of Real Estate.

WHEREAS, CHARLES Z. TURNBAUGH AND his wife, Lenora V. Turnbaugh, executed a certain deed of trust to Ed. R. Hamilton and Wm. P. Coleman, on December 28th, 1891, and recorded on January 6th, 1892, in book 139 of deeds, at page 40, and following records of Fresno county, state of California; said deed of trust conveying the real property hereinafter described for the purpose of securing the payment of a certain promissory note made by the said Charles Z. Turnbaugh, and Lenora V. Turnbaugh, and, whereas, default has been made in the payment of said note and the interest thereon.

Now, therefore, by the authority vested in them by said deed of trust, and upon application of the owner and holder of said note, the undersigned, as such trustees, will on April 23d, 1897, between the hours of 2 and 3 o'clock p. m., in front of the post office in the city of Madera, county of Madera, state of California, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash in United States gold coin, all the certain real property now situate in the county of Madera, state of California, but which was formerly in Fresno county, state of California, and described as follows, to-wit:

Blocks number nine (9), ten (10), eleven (11), twelve (12) and thirteen (13) in Johnson's Addition to the town of Madera, according to the map of said addition filed in the office of the county recorder, March 15th, 1888, being part of the southwest quarter of section number thirteen (13), in township eleven (11) south, range seventeen (17) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, lying south of the Fresno river; also all that part of the south half of section fourteen (14) in township eleven (11) south, range seventeen (17) east, Mount Diablo base and meridian, lying south of the Fresno river in Fresno county, together with all the improvements and appurtenances thereto belonging; also all water ditches, water rights, and privileges that are in any way used, connected with, or appertain to said land.

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TWO NEW POLICEMEN

H. F. Clifton and W. B. Parker the Appointees.

THE OLD FORCE IS RETAINED

The Trustees Select City Employes. Dr. Adair Elected Health Officer.

From Wednesday's Daily

The City Trustees held another meeting last night and elected the city employes for the ensuing two years. The present policemen and the drivers and engineers of the fire department were retained. Two new policemen, H. F. Clifton and W. B. Parker, were elected. The only change in the old set of officers was the election of Dr. C. H. Adair to the position of health officer in place of Dr. T. M. Hayden, who has held the office for the past four years.

There was a big attendance of spectators, for the election of a policeman is of more importance in Fresno than the result of a presidential election. A number had come early, half an hour before the board convened, to secure seats in the first row, just behind the railing.

When the board came to order, with C. J. Craycroft, the re-elected chairman, presiding, Trustee Spinney immediately asked if the clerk had any report from the retiring treasurer, W. H. McKenzie. Upon being answered in the negative, Mr. Spinney stated that the report should have been filed by this time. He asked that the marshal be instructed to find Mr. McKenzie and bring him before the board. Marshal Woy went out to the clerk's office and telephoned to Mr. McKenzie's residence, and the treasurer told him that he did not have his report ready. The marshal communicated this message to the board, and it was then explained that during Mr. McKenzie's illness F. S. Price had acted as deputy treasurer. Now Mr. Price is lying at the point of death, and the books of the office have therefore been neglected. The board then fixed next Saturday evening as the time for meeting and hearing the treasurer's report.

Chairman Craycroft then named the following committees of the board:

Street and finance committee—Craycroft, Spinney and McVey.

Fire and water—Spinney, Austin and Chittenden.

Education and public buildings—Chittenden, Craycroft and Austin.

Sewers and health—McVey, Spinney and Austin.

Police and printing—Austin, Spinney and McVey.

The next business taken up was the appointment of the various city employes for the ensuing two years. The first position declared vacant was that of street superintendent. M. Bilby was renominated for the place, which he has creditably filled for the past four years, by Austin. There were no other nominations, and without objection the clerk cast the ballot electing him. Louis Manuel was re-elected city engineer in the same manner.

The position of city health officer, which has been held by Dr. T. M. Hayden, was then declared vacant, and Austin nominated Dr. C. H. Adair for the office. Chittenden named Dr. G. H. Aiken. Dr. Adair received three votes and was elected, Dr. Aiken receiving two votes.

The board then began the selection of the new police force. On motion of Spinney R. P. Russel was re-elected a member of the force. Then the position held by Antone George was declared vacant, and he was nominated by Spinney. W. F. Cutbirth was named by McVey, and the nomination was seconded by Chittenden. George received three votes and Cutbirth two, the former being the appointee.

S. J. Walton's place was then made vacant, after which he was placed in nomination by Spinney. McVey named W. H. Herrington. Walton was elected by the vote of three to two.

The next policeman whose head went into the basket for a few minutes was George Matheson, but he was soon made an officer again. He received three votes to two for J. S. Ambrose, who was nominated by McVey.

J. F. Barratt, Gus Anderson and Henry Russell all were re-elected policemen without opposition.

This completed the re-election of the old police force, and the board then proceeded to elect two new officers to patrol the beat around the Valley road depot, one for the day and one for night. W. B. Parker was nominated by Austin, and B. C. Thomas by Chittenden. Parker received three votes and was elected. Thomas got the other two. H. F. Clifton was the other new officer elected. Mr. Clifton acted as fire marshal last season. Mr. Parker has for the past few months been engineer of the heating system in the courthouse.

William Rodgers was re-elected janitor of the city hall and A. D. Crow poundmaster without opposition. By a general motion made by Spinney the present paid men of the fire department were retained.

A motion revoking all the appointments of special police officers in the city was passed. There are at present four watchmen who receive no pay from the city, but are vested with authority by special appointment. Some of these appointments are several years old, and the purpose is to have them renewed.

The bond of City Attorney Lewis H. Smith, with Archie A. Smith and Mrs. Lucetta H. Smith as sureties in the sum of $1000 each was read and approved.

Spinney called attention to the need of street sprinkling. Superintendent Bilby stated he had four sprinklers at work at present, and would have three more run out by next Friday.

The board then adjourned.

Superior Court Notes.

The following business was transacted in the superior court yesterday:

BEFORE JUDGE RISLEY, DEPARTMENT 1.

Emile Grunig vs. Marine Laurens et al.; judgment of foreclosure for $640.72, $64 attorney's fee and costs.

People vs. Ah Bar and Ah Bow; habeas corpus proceedings instituted and application for release heard and denied.

People vs. James Wilson; petition on habeas corpus denied.

Smith vs. Griffin-Skelly Company; dismissed.

BEFORE JUDGE COOK, DEPARTMENT 2.

People vs. W. A. Sanders; on trial.

Emile Grunig vs. Miguel Liga; judgment of foreclosure for $453.53 and $75 attorney's fee.

A Different Hunter.

EDITOR REPUBLICAN:—I see by this morning's paper that one W. Hunter has been arrested for stealing potatoes. I want it distinctly understood that my name is George W. Hunter, and I am not the man referred to in the article.

G. W. HUNTER.

Fresno, April 20, 1897.

M Page Minor in Luck.

From the Williams, Ariz., News.

J. C. Brown and M. Page Minor are in receipt of a letter from their mining partner, C. H. Belcher of Randsburg, California, stating that rich gold ore has been struck in their mine, the "Dyke," in the Randsburg mining district. The ore is being taken out and will be milled at Garlock the coming week.

HAD TIME TO REFLECT.

Two Chinamen Whose Defiance Changed to Appeal.

From Wednesday's Daily.

Ah Bar and Ah Bow, the Chinamen who were committed by Justice Austin to serve six months in the county jail for refusing to give their names to a deputy assessor, who had attempted to collect poll tax from them, were yesterday brought before Judge Risley on habeas corpus proceedings instituted by their attorney, W. D. Tupper. In the justice's court the Mongols entered pleas of guilty, and letting their angry passions rise, became very defiant, expressing themselves as willing to serve in jail for life rather than pay the poll tax.

It appears that a few weeks' sojourn in the "cooler" has changed the mood of the Chinamen. Six months, especially when the summer months are included, make a good, long sentence, and they undoubtedly have come to regret that they assumed such a rebellious attitude before Judge Austin. Their application for release was based upon technical grounds, it being alleged that the commitment was defective.

Judge Risley denied the application and the refractory Chinamen will have to complete their term of six months.

ENCAMPMENT IN AUGUST.

Meeting of Prominent Military Men in This State.

There was an important gathering of officers of the National Guard at the headquarters of the Third brigade in this city last night. There were present General M. W. Muller, commanding the Third brigade, State Assistant Adjutant General R. L. Peeler, Colonel J. W. Guthrie of Sacramento, who is in command of the Second regiment, Colonel S. S. Wright, commanding the Sixth regiment, Lieutenant Colonel T. J. Hay, Lieutenant Colonel C. Chisholm, Captains George Duncan and George W. Jones, and Lieutenants S. K. Lemmon and J. D. Jones. Art S. Guthrie and A. C. Corwin, newly elected lieutenants of Company H at Merced, were present and passed a creditable examination as to their qualifications for the position. The examining board consists of Colonels Guthrie and Wright and Lieutenant Colonel Hay.

The matter of an encampment of the Third brigade this summer was discussed. The probability is that it will be held in the second week of August and last seven days.

HYMEN'S GENTLE YOKE

HARRY UPTON AND MISS MAUDE DAVISON MARRIED.

Merry Wedding at the Home of the Bride's Parents -A Unique Present.

Miss Maude Davison and Harry H. Upton were united in wedlock yesterday morning at half-past 11 o'clock at the residence of the bride's parents, corner of L and Calaveras streets, Rev. William Lucas officiating. The wedding was a quiet, home affair, only the relatives and a few intimate friends being present to witness the ceremony.

The double parlors were very prettily decorated for the occasion, roses, calla lilies and orange blossoms being most prominent. The front bay window, where the happy pair stood, had been transformed into a veritable bower of smilax, orange blossoms and roses. From the arch of the window depended a floral bell, and it was beneath this that the young couple made their vows.

The bride was attired in a stylish gray travelling suit and was attended by Miss Ada Southwood, while George Colquhoun acted as groomsman.

At the conclusion of the ceremony congratulations were offered on every side. Light refreshments were served and bumpers of champagne were drunk to the health and happiness of the bridal pair.

Mr. Upton is a most estimable young man and has been connected with the Barrett-Hicks Co. for a number of years. The firm remembered their employe in rather a unique way. An old can all soldered up and wrapped in an old newspaper tied with baling rope was looked upon rather suspiciously by Mr. Upton. A can opener was procured and he was finally persuaded to open the can. Inside he found a check for a round sum signed by the company.

Miss Davison is well known in Fresno society and is a most affable and charming young lady.

The entire wedding party accompanied the bridal pair to the Valley road depot, where they took the train for San Francisco. The time honored shoe and rice were not forgotten, and the train pulled out amid showers of rice, fluttering of handkerchiefs and parting congratulations for the young couple.

There were present: Mr. and Mrs. William Davison, Mr. and Mrs. Land and Alice Land, Mr. and Mrs. Upton and Miss Ruth Upton, Mrs. Boller and Master Velette and Miss Renora Boller, Mrs. Dickey, Mrs. Southwood and Misses Ada and Nellie Southwood, Mr. and Mrs. Grimes, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bedford and Messrs. Frank Homan and George Colquhoun.

NOT A MISTAKE.

The Extra Vote Gained by Shanklin Really Cast.

It was discovered yesterday that the duplicate tally sheet of the Eighth precinct had the same peculiarity as was found in the original Monday night when the city trustees canvassed the vote cast at the recent municipal election.

It will be remembered that J. W. Shanklin gained one vote in this precinct, thus making him and Theo. Madson tie for the clerkship. In one of the columns six votes were tallied instead of five, but the election clerk in totalizing had counted them as five. This error was discovered by the board, with the result stated.

It was claimed by Madson's friends that the tallying of six votes in the column was a mistake, but the fact that this peculiarity occurs also in the duplicate would certainly seem to do away with such a contention. There is little doubt that if the ballots were counted Shanklin's vote in this precinct would be as announced by the board Monday night.

CANDIDATES' EXPENSES.

A Number of Statements Filed With the Recorder Yesterday.

A number of the candidates at the recent municipal election yesterday filed with the county recorder their statements of expenses during the campaign. The items were for advertising and contributions to the central committees. The following were the totals:

C. J. Craycroft, $32.50; Joseph Spinney, $13; L. O. Stephens, $15; George B. Noble, $26; S. L. Hogue $10; Lewis H. Smith, $71.50.

Wedding at Selma.

Dr. W. J. Williams and Mrs. Tisha Reardon were married in Selma last evening at the residence of W. J. Berry. The ceremony was performed by Rev. Scoggs. The wedding was quite an event in Selma's society. There were a number of friends present, and the happy couple were the recipients of numerous presents. The groom is a dentist in Selma.

THE LEISURE HOURS

Entertain the Other Women's Clubs.

AN IMPORTANT SOCIAL EVENT

Interesting Program of Readings and Music Rendered—Fine Decorations.

From Wednesday's Daily.

The reception given by the Leisure Hour club yesterday afternoon to the Wednesday, Query, Parlor Lecture and University Extension clubs was certainly the most delightful social event given in Fresno this season. The club had decided to give the reception at the residence of Mrs. T. C. White, who is a prominent member of the organization, and it could not have made a better choice. The interior arrangement is well adapted to the entertainment of a large gathering, though the capacity of the parlors and reception room was taxed almost to the limit on this occasion.

The prevailing tone in the decorations of the reception room was scarlet. Plants were tastefully arranged here and there and the mantel was covered with a profusion of wistaria. One of the parlors was decorated in orange and the other in green. Flowers, ferns and climbing plants added greatly to the attractiveness of the apartments, making them look like bowers. Refreshments were served in a room on the second floor, and this apartment was if anything more elaborately decorated than the others. The glistening silver and glass and snowwhite napery were also grateful to the eyes.

An interesting program, in which music predominated, had been prepared for the entertainment of the guests, and it was carried out in a highly satisfactory manner. It began with an overture by Mrs. George L. Warlow and T. C. White, which was played with spirit. Mrs. J. E. F. Edwards followed with an instruction paper on "Women's Clubs," which was closely listened to. Then came a vocal solo by Mrs. L. O. Stephens, Mr. White playing the obligato on the violin. Miss Nellie Boyd next gave a reading from Longfellow in her usual acceptable manner.

Mrs. Edwards and Mr. White received much applause for their rendition of a piano and violin duo. Miss Boyd gave with great effect a recitation—"Do They Miss Me at Home?" The program closed with a pretty gavotte by Bohm, played by T. C. White, violin, and H. F. White, piano.

The remainder of the afternoon was spent in disposing of the appetizing refreshments and in conversation. A flashlight photograph was taken of the company. The programs that had been provided for distribution were very artistic. On the cover was an embossed poppy, which was handpainted. Above the poppy were the initials of the club, in monogram style. Beneath, also in gilded letters, was the date of the entertainment. The programs will undoubtedly be prized as souvenirs of an event that was a most pleasant one in every respect.

The attendance was large, all of the clubs above mentioned being well represented.

WANTED HIS LIBERTY.

James Wilson Fails in a Habeas Corpus Application.

James Wilson, through his attorneys, Collins & Conn, yesterday gained a hearing before Judge Risley through habeas corpus proceedings, on an application to be released from jail. Wilson was one of the two men arrested on the Stockton boat by Deputy Constable Henry for having engaged in the extensive robbery of citizens in this city one night a few months ago. He based his application for his freedom yesterday on the ground that the evidence on which Justice Austin held him to answer was insufficient. Judge Risley denied the petition.

HE TALKED TO FEW

RUTHVEN MEETS WITH A COLD RECEPTION.

Both His Lectures Against Catholicism Slightly Attended — The Confessional Denounced.

"Father" Ruthven, who is out for God, our country and the "stuff," and of whose record something was published in yesterday's REPUBLICAN, lectured at Kutner hall yesterday afternoon to "ladies only" on "Priests and Their Victims, or the Woman in the Confessional." The Father was his own doorkeeper, and sat at a little table by the door to receive "silver offerings" from inquisitive women, most of whom looked as if they could stand a 2000-volt shock to their modesty without changing color. A few of them looked around furtively before ascending the stairs, as if rather ashamed at what they were about to do, but curiosity overcame their scruples and they went up to hear what the self-styled expriest had to say. A REPUBLICAN reporter who asked if members of the press would be admitted was told in something of a brogue that he couldn't enter.

In front of Ruthven, on the table, lay a number of ten cent pieces and nickels, so the offering was not all of silver. There were about 100 women present, so the lecture brought him in some $10 or $15. What the character of the lecture was can best be judged by the one delivered in the evening "for men only," as the subject was virtually the same.

There were between 250 and 300 men present at the evening lecture and good order was preserved throughout. Some of the audience were not robust enough to sit it out and left when it was about half over. The majority, however, appeared to enjoy Ruthven's talk and applauded him often. They seemed to swallow all he uttered and apparently gave no thought to the character of the man before them.

"Father" Ruthven said little that was fit for publication and that little was by no means of absorbing interest. He shamelessly thanked the press for the advance notices it had given him—articles exposing his bad record—and then stated that the press of the country was ruled by the Roman Catholic church. This was the case also with the Associated Press, which gave a few lines to the backslidings of priests, when it should give columns.

Of course he charged the Catholic church with being degraded and corrupt, and denounced the sacrament of confession as "mutually corrupt." This part of his lecture abounded in vileness and not even an outline of it can be given.

Judging from the attendance at the two lectures given here "Father" Ruthven is not making much money by catering to the curiosity and prurience of that class of mankind whose coarser natures crave the mental pabulum such men as Ruthven can furnish them.

K. W. Brown of Selma spent yesterday in Fresno.

PERSONALS.

From Wednesday's Daily

Gus E. Dern is here from San Francisco.

S. Goldstein and wife of San Francisco are visiting Fresno.

T. C. Langley went to San Francisco yesterday morning.

C. W. DeLong, a former Fresnan, is here from Santa Cruz.

W. B. Wallace was up from Visalia yesterday on business.

W. B. Moore of Porterville had business in Fresno yesterday.

W. Johns of Alameda is in town looking after his property here.

Andrew C. Ryce and wife of Selma spent yesterday in Fresno.

Mrs. J. E. Stribbling of Stockton is visiting friends in this city.

Arthur F. Siegfred of Fayetteville, O., is spending a few days in Fresno.

Mrs. S. W. Whiteley of Salt Lake City is spending a few days in this city.

W. S. Goodfellow was down from San Francisco yesterday on legal business.

A. J. Waterhouse of the REPUBLICAN has gone to San Francisco for a few days.

Mrs. Henry Church and Mrs. Church-Keller of Harrisburg, Pa., are visiting in Fresno.

R. G. Ransome, of Ransome Bros., a wholesale grocery firm of Albert Lea, Minn., is in town.

Assistant Adjutant General R. L. Peeler, formerly of this city, is down from Sacramento.

Captain H. D. Colson, formerly of Fresno, was in town yesterday looking after his interests here.

Mrs. T. E. Norris and Mrs. George A. Jennings left last night for Los Angeles to witness the carnival.

Frank Dusy was up from Selma yesterday. On Friday he will leave for his beloved Alaska, in which he has as much faith as ever.

J. E. Whitson left last night for Salinas to attend the state encampment of the G.A.R. J. B. McDonald and Thomas Dunn have already gone from the local post.

George H. Monroe left for San Francisco this morning to attend the meeting of the Grand Chapter, R. A. M., and the Grand Commandery. He will be gone the entire week.

L. Rockman, secretary of the Fresno Jockey Club, has gone to Bakersfield to complete arrangements for the race meet he will give there immediately following the one to be held here.

Frank Neate, book-keeper at the Grand Central hotel, returned night before last from San Francisco. He was accompanied by his father, Rev. Henry Neate, who will remain here a month or so as the guest of his son.

A MOUNTAIN TRIP.

Made by a Party of Academy Young People.

A party consisting of Miss Della Birdsall, Charles Metcalf, Miss Belle Henderson, Lou Cunningham, Miss Edith Narragon, Adelbert Hogue, Miss Josie Cunningham, Willes Eley, Miss Lavone Cunningham and Will Hogue left Cunningham's place at noon last Monday and went twelve miles to Eley's place. On Tuesday the party proceeded to Hogue's place, a distance of fifteen miles; from there to Bloomer Hill and Falls, ten miles; thence to McArdle's mill, to Bancroft's mill, to Morrison's mill, to Lehmann's mill, to Bennett's mill, to Wilson's mill, to Kenyon's store, to Ockenden's store. Here we struck seven feet of snow and were obliged to change our course, returning to Magnolia Falls, where a halt was called by our guide, Mr. Eley.

After dinner we returned to McArdle's mill, thence to Ahart's place, thence to Sharp's place, where a rest was taken for some hours. From there we went to Jim Atkinson's, thence to Cold Spring, and Cherry Flat down a dangerous canyon called the Devil's Backbone, our party being the first to descend by this trail.

We then returned to Hogue's place and camped for the night. On Friday morning we left for Branford Flat, where dinner was prepared and a long rest taken. We ascended Branford hill, where a beautiful view was had of Kings river and the San Joaquin valley. We had a dangerous encounter with a big mountain rattlesnake and then took a rest. Finally we started for home, the descent being made by the famous Watt's Valley trail. Home was reached Saturday morning, after having traveled a distance of 125 miles.

The same party will cross the mountains this summer and view the wonderful scenery on their way. A few more friends will be invited, and it is the intention to return through the Yosemite valley.

ONE OF THE PARTY.

Academy, April 19, 1897.

THE VALLEY ROAD.

Work Begun on the Bridge Over Kings River.

From the Hanford Democrat.

Eight or ten carloads of bridge timber and fourteen carloads of piles arrived at Kings river yesterday morning and were unloaded on the north bank of the stream. Ten or twelve bridge carpenters also arrived at the river by the same train, and the work of the bridge building commenced this morning. A bulkhead is already in place on the north bank of the river, and a day or two will complete the bulkhead on the south bank of the river. The bridge timbers are already framed and only remain to be put in place, and the carpenters say this work will be completed in two weeks, or three at the most, owing to the number of men kept employed.

The force employed in laying track has been transferred to the Fresno-Visalia branch for the present, but will return to the Hanford line as soon as the bridge across Kings river is completed and lay the rails into this city. A pile driver commenced placing piles for the crossing of the Last Chance ditch this morning. Thirty-six piles are to be driven here, and this work will soon be completed, when the pile driver will be removed toward Hanford to place more culverts.

GEORGE RUPERT'S CASE.

Governor Budd Fixes an Alternative of Paying a Fine.

Governor Budd has arrived at a decision in the application for clemency of George Rupert of Fresno, who is serving a six months' sentence in the county jail for battery. Though not officially announced, it is understood that the conclusion reached by the executive was that he would grant Rupert the privilege of paying a fine equal, in the eyes of the law, to the imprisonment. In other words, he has given the prisoner the opportunity of paying $180 instead of serving 180 days.

The order of the governor has not yet reached this city. Whether Rupert will prefer to remain in jail for six months or pay $1 a day for his liberty is not known.

Deputy District Attorney E. A. Williams is the happy possessor of a first heir, presented to him on Wednesday morning by his wife. Of course everyone around the court house has been smoking good cigars for the past few days. The youngster is to be named George Jones Williams.

PERSONAL.—The gentleman who annoyed the congregation last Sunday by continually coughing will find instant relief by using One Minute Cough Cure, a speedy and harmless remedy for throat and lung troubles. Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

BASEBALL TOURNAMENT

THE "REPUBLICANS" WILL TAKE PART.

Game Between the "Examiners" and the "Republicans" Next Sunday.

The REPUBLICAN is in receipt of the following notice from William B. Pringle, secretary of the committee in charge of the *Examiner* baseball tournament:

"A committee has been formed in San Francisco for the purpose of conducting a baseball tournament for the championship of California. The committee consists of James D. Phelan, mayor of San Francisco, William B. Pringle, president of the Oakland city council and an active member of the Reliance Athletic Club, George A. Newhall, president of the Olympic Club, Henry J. Crocker, vice president of the Olympic Club, and D. R. McNeill, chief of the Caledonian Club. The tournament will commence Saturday, June 5th, and continue on Saturdays, Sundays and holidays until the championship has been awarded. To the winning team will be given the championship standard trophy donated by *The Examiner*, $1000 in gold coin and a handsome pennant emblematic of the championship.

"When clubs from the interior are called upon to play in San Francisco they will have the option of receiving transportation and hotel expenses at the cost of the committee, or of receiving 10 per cent of the gross gate receipts of games they play in. Clubs may enter the tournament from any part of the state, and all young men over the age of 18 years are eligible to membership. The entire cost of conducting the tournament will be borne by the committee and 20 per cent of the gross gate receipts of all games will be donated to charity.

"This will be in all respects a tournament for the sole purpose of encouraging a desire for wholesome athletic sport among the young men of California and discouraging the taste for prize fighting and other brutalities that now seem to be gaining a foothold. The personnel of the committee is a guarantee that the tournament will be conducted on the broadest lines of public spiritedness. It is to be hoped that the young men generally will see the advantage to be gained by forming clubs and entering the tournament.

"William B. Pringle is secretary to the committee and all applications for membership and requests for information should be addressed to him at the office of the committee, 1139 Market street, San Francisco."

Manager Woldenberg of the FRESNO REPUBLICANS has signified his intention of entering the team in the tournament. He is in receipt of entry blanks and his application will soon be forwarded. The local nine, strengthened by Rod Waggoner, who will soon return home, will be as good as any in the state and they are expected to give a good account of themselves.

Next Sunday the public will have an opportunity of witnessing what is likely to prove one of the best games of the season—that between the San Francisco *Examiners* and the FRESNO REPUBLICANS. The *Examiners* have added several well known players to their team and will be fit in every way to put up a splendid game.

The local boys are putting in their best licks at practice and a wonderful improvement is expected when they make their next appearance.

Work on the grounds is being rapidly pushed and in a short time Fresno will have as good ball grounds as any city in the state.

A STRONG WITNESS.

EXPERT EISENSCHIMMEL STILL ON THE STAND.

He Is Inclined to the Belief That the Forgery Was Traced.

Chirographic Expert Carl Eisenschimmel spent another day on the witness stand in the Sanders trial yesterday. The probability is that he will be on the rack the greater part of today, for he was undergoing a vigorous cross-examination at the hands of Attorney Short for the defense when court adjourned last evening. The defense succeeded in shaking to some extent the testimony of Max Gumpel, who was the principal expert at the three former trials. But Mr. Eisenschimmel has a much cooler head and apparently a better knowledge of his business, and up to last evening the defendant's attorney had failed to make out anything favorable to his side from the witness.

In fact, Mr. Eisenschimmel proved a model witness. He thoroughly understands every detail of the art of chirography, having made a study of it for twenty-five years. Besides this he is an intelligent gentleman and speaks excellent English. Mr. Short's efforts to shake his testimony were cleverly met and proved futile.

Mr Eisenschimmel positively pronounced the various signatures to be forgeries. He clearly explained his reasons for arriving at such a conclusion. On the blackboard he reproduced the signatures, both those he considered to be forgeries and those admitted to be genuine, and pointed out the variances between them.

The expert is inclined to the belief that the signature to the $1400 draft was traced from an original copy of Wootton's own writing. He believes that the signature was first traced in pencil, and that these lines were afterwards covered with ink. He is anxious to remove the ink by the application of chemicals from a part of the signature to see if he can find the pencil lines. The prosecution will probably attempt today to have the court instruct the witness to do this.

During the interesting cross-examination of the expert yesterday afternoon Attorney Short, in dealing with the reproductions of the signatures on the blackboard, thought that the witness had taken unnecessary pains to exaggerate the points which are considered indicative of forgery. Mr. Eisenschimmel remonstrated that it was impossible to make an exact copy with chalk, and the two had a discussion over the matter, which began to grow a little warm when Judge Cook interposed.

Judge Cook has several times during the trial intimated that he would hold evening sessions if satisfactory progress was not made. He was inclined to make such an order at the hour of adjournment last evening. Mr. Eisenschimmel had been on the stand for two whole days, with a prospect of consuming a third, and the court was probably not satisfied with this progress. But he consulted the wish of the jury, which was unanimous against evening sessions. The probability is, therefore, that none will be held.

The trial will be resumed this morning at 9 o'clock.

Croup and whooping cough are childhood's terrors; but like pneumonia, bronchitis and other throat and lung troubles, can be quickly cured by using One Minute Cough Cure. Dr. C. Paddock, druggist, 1720 Mariposa street.

THE SPRING MEETING.

More Fast Horses Arrived Yesterday—The Electric Starting Gate.

It is worth anybody's while to take a trip to the race track in the forenoon between 10 and 12 o'clock and see the horses schooled to the electric starting gate. The sight is an interesting one.

Horses continue to arrive. Yesterday Monroe Johnson arrived with his string, including Hymen, who is one of the fastest hurdlers in the world. Hymen is the only horse that goes as fast over the jump as on the flat.

Owen Brothers, Henry Schwartz and George Rose, the bookmaker, will arrive today with their strings, among which are Monita, Nevita, Peerless, Chappie, Grady, Gold Dust, Polaski and Irritator.

It was the intention of Secretary Rockman to have the horses schooled to the new starting gate Sunday afternoon, but knowing that many people would want to attend the baseball game at Athletic park in the afternoon, he has arranged with the horsemen to school the horses from 10 a.m. till noon.

ED HURLBERT RELEASED.

Furnishes $1000 Bail—His Wound Nearly Healed.

Ed Hurlbert, one of the five young men who recently started out upon a career of brigandage, was yesterday released from custody on furnishing $1000 bail. His sureties, who qualify for $250 each, are L. Chamberlain, A. Hurlbert, F. K. Prescott and J. Q. Anderson.

Hurlbert is the one who was shot in the arm when captured by Farmer Haye. The bullet wound has almost healed, and the young man was sent home from the county hospital yesterday. It is probable he will be allowed his liberty pending good behavior, as was done in the cases of his former associates. He is thoroughly penitent like the others, and promises to be a good boy hereafter.

A BRILLIANT EVENT.

CLOSING DANCE OF THE THURSDAY NIGHT CLUB.

Beauty and Pleasure Reigned at Armory Hall—A Large Attendance.

The final dance of the Thursday Night club at Armory hall last night was a brilliant event and a most fitting close of the club's career for the season. Fresno society was out in full force, and the spacious hall was crowded. Each member of the organization had invited three gentlemen friends, and very few failed to take advantage of the invitation.

The affair was an enjoyable one in every respect. The music was excellent—a full orchestra being in attendance. The only hindrance, perhaps, was a crowded floor, but this did not seem to bother the dancers very much. There were nineteen dances and a number of extras.

Many of the ladies wore handsome gowns, and a number of gentlemen were out in full dress.

A. Newhouse acted as floor director, and was assisted by S. J. Ashman, F. H. Froman, R. B. Cockrill and T. J. Ockenden. The reception committee consisted of Colonel T. J. Hay, F. E. Cook, Henry Gundelfinger, R. G. Barton and E. T. Wolcott.

The platform for the orchestra was prettily decorated with palms, cypress and calla lilies. Red bunting was effectively displayed around the sides of the platform. Cypress and palms were also placed around the hall, which presented a handsome appearance.

The dance was one of the most enjoyable social events ever held in Fresno. The Thursday Club was organized at the opening of the social term and during the winter it has given nine dances, each of which was a delightful event. The officers who served during the past year were: President, G. C. Freman; vice president, G. H. Markham; secretary, B. J. Metzler; treasurer, Frank M. Helm. George C. Roeding, Albert O. Warner, Montgomery Thomas, F. M. Romain and Lewis H. Smith constituted the board of managers.

It is the purpose to continue the club next season. It will reorganize in November with the fifty-three members now on its rolls, and make such acquisitions as may be acceptable.

HUNDRED THOUSAND CLUB.

Congressman Barham Recommended for an Important Place.

The executive committee of the Hundred Thousand club held a well attended meeting last evening. There was not much business before the committee, however, so the session was a short one.

After the usual routine matters had been disposed of the committee on entertainment reported that the net proceeds of the Smalley concert amounted to $24.60.

Representatives of the various Young People's Societies of Christian Endeavor, with A. M. Drew as spokesman, appeared before the committee and asked assistance in the preparation and distribution of souvenirs of an advertising nature at the international convention to be held in San Francisco in July.

A motion was made and carried that a committee of three be appointed to act with the printing and finance committees of the Y.P.S.C.E., a similar committee to be appointed by the Chamber of Commerce. The club's committee will be appointed today by the president.

Emil Bernhard moved that a committee of three be appointed to draft suitable resolutions asking the appointment of Hon. J. A. Barham as a member of the house committee on the Nicaragua canal. The motion was carried.

Charles Millhahn and August Rohlfing were elected members, after which the committee adjourned.

A marriage license was issued yesterday to John G. Ashman and Hattie J. McDonald.

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11½ to 13½, 49c.

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8 to 11, 75c.
11½ to 2, 84c.

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Another shipment of 50 doz. 4-4 Chenille Table Covers received this week. These are regular 75c covers, and the low price we are selling them at they go like hot cakes.............. 25c

50 dozen Children's Straw Sailor Hats, handsome assortment of colors, worth 25c and 35c. Our special price.................. 19c

600 dozen boxes Buttermilk Soap, each cake neatly wrapped, regular price 5c cake. Our price 2c cake.

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THE CITY CLERKSHIP.

A Special Election Necessary to Decide the Matter.

Judging from statements made by City Attorney Smith he will advise the city trustees next Saturday evening that the only course left them in order to decide who is entitled to the office of city clerk is to order a special election. In his opinion section 1067 of the Political Code, quoted in this paper yesterday, clearly demands such a course. This section requires that a special election must be ordered by the proper board or officer where two or more persons receive an equal and the highest number of votes, there being no choice in such a case.

The supreme court in the case of J. T. Austin vs. Morris Dick held that where an election had been declared to have resulted in the election of no one, a new election must be called; "though perhaps a candidate may question the correctness of the canvass in some other proceeding than a contest of the election." It remains to be seen whether either of the candidates will resort to "some other proceeding" to decide the matter and thus save the city the expense of a special election.

Even if a special election be necessary, it is doubtful whether it can be called at present. Section 767 of the municipal government act provides that "the board of trustees shall not create, audit, allow, or permit to accrue any debt or liability in excess of the available money in the treasury that may be legally apportioned and appropriated for such purposes," etc. There are no funds at hand, it is said, to defray the expenses of a special election, and there will be none until the beginning of the fiscal year 1897-98. So if City Attorney Smith advises the board that a special election must be held to decide the clerkship matter, it is not likely the election will take place before the beginning of the next fiscal year, unless, of course, the reports regarding the lack of funds are erroneous.

ANOTHER DRUNKEN BRAWL

Tom Collins' Place a Bad One for Democratic Committeemen.

There was another drunken brawl in the barroom of the Ogle House last evening, in which a member of the Democratic city central committee again figured prominently. Sam Ralston was the central committeeman, and after having used his fists until restrained he begged for a pistol to shoot somebody.

His desire for a gun was not gratified, however. Ralston's appeals were made direct to Tom Collins, a fellow committeeman and the proprietor of the house. But Fahey's successor was afraid that some of his "innocents" about the saloon might be injured.

Ralston, Jim Townsend, William Lane and others had been carousing in the bar room, and an altercation arose between Townsend and Mike Murray, who was also under the influence of liquor. The men came to blows and Murray was worsted. A railroad brakeman interfered, and it was with him that Ralston took up the fight. The fighting was stopped with much difficulty.

Republicans vs Examiners.

The San Francisco *Examiners* and the FRESNO REPUBLICANS cross bats at Athletic Park next Sunday. The players and their positions are as follows:

REPUBLICANS.		EXAMINERS.
McCarthy, Joe	Pitcher	McCormack
Chance	Catcher	Medloy
Balsz	1st base	Delmas
Decker	2d base	Hackett
Brittan	3d base	Campbell
McCarthy, Jack	Shortstop	Monahan
Hayes	Leftfield	McGinnis
Gilbert	Centerfield	Widermark
Cardwell	Rightfield	Sandeman
Denas	Sub	Sheehan

MISS DOYLE'S PARTY.

She Entertains a Number of Her Young Friends.

Miss Lulu Doyle, daughter of Dr. W. B. Doyle, gave a party last evening at her home to a number of young friends. The evening was spent in dancing and playing games, and refreshments were served.

Those present were Misses Bertha Hyde, Edna Fanning, Edna Doolittle, Katie Robenson, Evelyn Hinkle, Pearl Bowen, Jessie Bowen, Myrtle Drennen, Gertrude Hedrick, Nina Brower, May Daguan, Pearl Morrison, Edith Lack, Edith Decker, Alma Lack; Ben Brown, Leslie Doolittle, William Holden, Edwin Rowe, Frank Minard, Charles Mills, Carl Harroll, Claud Chance, Ernest Smith, Roy Grandall, Floyd Doyle, Winifred Burks, Milton Bonds, Maurice Doyle, Frank Bradford and Ed Singleton.

Selma Dairy Association.

Articles of incorporation were filed in the county clerk's office yesterday by the Selma Dairy Association. The principal place of business of the concern is Selma, and the object of the corporation is revealed by its name. The capital stock is $10,000, divided into 200 shares of $50 each. One thousand dollars' worth of stock has already been subscribed. The directors are W. A. Durham, L. D. Scott, G. J. Nees, W. T. Martin and G. B. Otis.

The Arion society will give an Italienisch Nacht und Walafest mit Vollmond beleuchtung on Sunday May 16th. The logical sequence of this would seem to be a Katzenjammermonger and brandy and soda.

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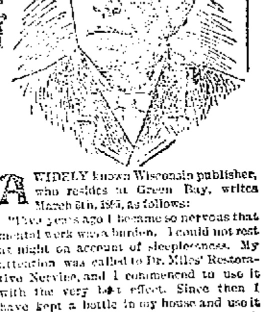

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